

Smithtown Stitchers Block of the Month April 2017

Pleasant Campaign

Light fabric: cut one $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square (for center)

Medium: cut two 4" squares, and then cut each on the diagonal
cut two $5\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

Dark: cut four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (for corners)
cut two $5\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

Mark center of hypotenuse (long side of triangle) of each triangle, and mark center of each side of light fabric center square. Match these centers on two opposite sides and stitch. Trim dog ears and press seams open, then repeat for other 2 opposite sides. This 'square within a square' should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Place a medium $5\frac{3}{4}$ " square right sides together with a dark $5\frac{3}{4}$ " square. Sew around the perimeter with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Repeat with other pair of medium and dark squares. Cut on the diagonals. Press 4 seams to medium and 4 to the dark to make 'nesting' seams easier in next step. Trim your 8 half square triangles to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Stitch pairs of half square triangles together on medium edges to make 'flying geese' with dark triangles on the outer side.

Sew a pair of 'flying geese' to opposite sides of 'square within a square'. Sew dark corner squares to each side of remaining two 'flying geese'.

Assemble as shown in the accompanying diagram

