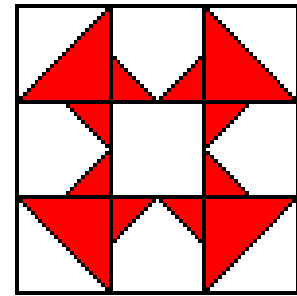


January 2008 Block of the Month: A Dandy



Fabric One focus fabric (Bright solid or tone on tone)

One background fabric (Black solid or tone on tone)

Cutting instructions:

one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle of focus fabric and of background fabric

five 3-1/2" squares of background fabric

eight 2" squares of focus fabric

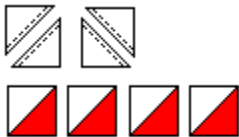
Piecing the Block



1) On the wrong side of the 3-7/8 x 7-3/4 rectangle of background fabric lightly draw a straight line 3-7/8" from the short edge dividing the rectangle in half and forming two squares. Then draw two diagonal lines through the center of the two squares as shown.



2) Place the background fabric rectangle together with the 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle of focus fabric with the right sides of the fabric together. Sew 1/4" away from both sides of the marked diagonal lines as shown.



3) Cut the sewn rectangles apart creating four half-square triangle units. Press the seam allowance toward the focus fabric. The completed half-square triangle units should measure 3-1/2" square.



4) Lightly mark a line on the diagonal of the wrong side of the eight 2" squares of the background fabric.



5) Place one of the 2" focus fabric squares on top of one of the 3-1/2" background fabric squares, right sides together, with the marked diagonal line as shown. Sew on the diagonal line. Repeat with three more of the background fabric squares.



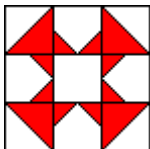
6) Trim the fabric 1/4" away from the sewn line as shown. Press the seam toward the focus fabric. Taking the units created in Step 5, place one of the 2" focus fabric squares, right sides together, and marked diagonal line positioned as shown on top of the unit. Sew on the marked line. Repeat with the three remaining units from Step 5. The completed unit should measure 3-1/2" square.



7) Using the units completed in Step 3 and two of the units completed in Step 6 piece the top and bottom rows of the Block by sewing the units together as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the Step 3 units. The units should measure 3-1/2" x 9-1/2".



8) With the remaining two units from Step 6 and the remaining 3-1/2" background fabric square, piece the center row of the Block as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the background fabric square. The resulting unit should measure 3-1/2" x 9-1/2".



9) Piece together the three rows to complete the A Dandy quilt Block. Press the seam allowances toward the center row of the Block. The finished Block should measure 9-1/2" square with a 1/4" seam allowance on all sides.