

Block Party for April

Our guest speaker in February, Lyn Mann, made very creative quilts often based on traditional quilt blocks. One of her favorites was Churn Dash. So this month we can have fun with that traditional block. After a rainy, cold winter we are going to feature warm colors: red-orange, orange, gold, carmel, coral or peach.

Materials Needed

Center square: a featured medium tone print. One 3 1/2" square.
Main color: a medium tone warm print or solid. Two 4" squares and one strip 14" x 2".

Background: ivory, pale cream or any pale warm color. Two 4" squares and one strip 14" x 2".

Instructions

1. Sew together the two 14" main color and background strips and press.
2. Cut that strip set into four 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares.
3. Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the two background color 4" squares.
4. Put the background color squares face to face with the main color squares.
5. Sew 1/4" lines on each side of the drawn diagonal line and then cut on the diagonal line to form four half square triangle blocks. You may need to trim the blocks to a perfect 3 1/2".
6. Now sew together the nine blocks as illustrated in the sample.
7. Your finished block should be 9 1/2".



To participate, make the block described, bring it to the next meeting, post your block(s) on the design board, and place your name (one for each block you bring) into the pot. A winning name from those who contributed will be drawn; the winner takes home all the blocks.

Donna Prime & Pam Cohen.