

Block Party for March

This month's block is called Surprise Spinner. It is simple but asymmetrical. Because of making some half square triangle blocks it would be easy to make two blocks. So the instructions are to produce two of these small 4" blocks. When four blocks are put together they produce a center spinner.

Materials needed

Red: One 2 7/8" square. Gray: One 2 7/8" square.

Black: Two 2 7/8" squares. White: Four 2 7/8" squares.

Special tip: As mentioned in a previous column this 2 7/8" is not a perfect measure to produce 2 1/2" blocks so this is a good chance to cut all the 8 squares 3", make the half square triangle blocks and before sewing the block trim the squares to perfect 2 1/2" squares.

Directions

Start by sewing all the sets of half square triangles. On the backs of all the white squares draw a diagonal line. Put right sides together of the one red and a white square. Sew 1/4" on both sides of the line and cut on the line. You now have two of the red and white blocks. Repeat with a gray and white together and repeat with the two blacks. Now you can sew them together and produce two blocks. Press seams carefully as you go. Do not sew your blocks together. They will be mixed and sewn with other contributions. Your blocks will be 4 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.

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