

Fraser Valley Quilters' Guild

Block of the Month - May 2008

SCRAPPY BUTTERFLY

Finished 10 in. square

Unfinished 10 1/2 in. square

Step I: Fabrics: A. Background and borders: off-white (e.g. tone on tone, muslin)

- Cut: four 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. strips
- one 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. strip
- one 5 1/4 in. square
- one 4 1/2 x 3 1/2 in. rectangle
- one 3 1/4 in. square
- one 2 1/2 in. square

B. Wings and tail: light to medium value small scale floral

- Cut: one 5 1/4 in. square
- Cut: one 3 1/4 in. square

C. Body and head: dark value solid, small scale print, or tone on tone

- Cut: three 1 1/2 in. squares

D. Body contrast and corner squares: medium solid, small scale print, or tone on tone

- Cut: six 1 1/2 in. squares

Step II: Make Butterfly

1. Make half square triangles for wings:

- Layer 5 1/4 in. fabrics "A" and "B" squares right sides together
- Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the wrong side of the off-white square
- Sew 1/4 in. on each side of the diagonal line; cut on the diagonal line
- Press open and square to 4 1/2 in.

2. Make half square triangles for tail:

- Layer 3 1/4 in. fabrics "A" and "B" squares right sides together
- Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the wrong side of the off-white square
- Sew 1/4 in. on each side of the diagonal line; cut on the diagonal line
- Press open and square to 2 1/2 in.

3. Make the body unit following the picture:

- Make a 2 1/2 in. 4-patch of 1 1/2 in. fabric "C" and "D" squares
 - Make a 4 1/2 in. unit from of the 2 1/2 in. 4-patch; 2 of the 2 1/2 in. half square triangles and one fabric "A" 2 1/2 square
- Hint: The dark square on the upper row of the 2 1/2 in. 4-patch should be on your right

4 Make the head unit:

- Sew a 1 1/2 in. fabric "d" square on the end of a 1 1/2 x 3 1/2 in. fabric "A" strip
 - Sew this strip to the 4 1/2 x 3 1/2 in. fabric "A" rectangle
 - Embroider or draw in antennae about 3/4 in. long with a French knot or circle at the end
- Hint: use the seam as a guide to make V-shaped antennae

5. Complete the butterfly:

- Following the picture make a 4-patch using the 2 wing, the tail and the head units

Step III: Add borders

1. Sew two 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. fabric "a" strips to opposite ends of the butterfly unit
2. Sew a 1 1/2 in. fabric "D" square to each end of the remaining two 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. fabric "A" strips.
3. Attach these strips to the other two ends to complete the border.

