

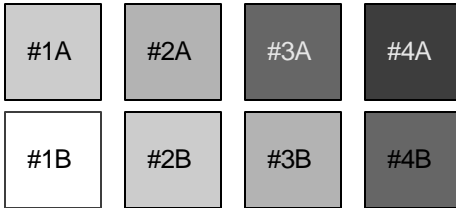
FVQG April 2007 Block of the Month

BOXY BUTTON BLUES

6" X 6" Finished Block - 6½ X 6½ unfinished

This is a "scrap user" block - It uses all 1 1/2" strips.

For this month's BOM we will use all blue fabrics. You will need eight (8) different blue fabrics which will be organized into two colour sets of four (4) light to dark (A & B). The second set (B) should be one value shade different than the first set (A) (see Diagram below).

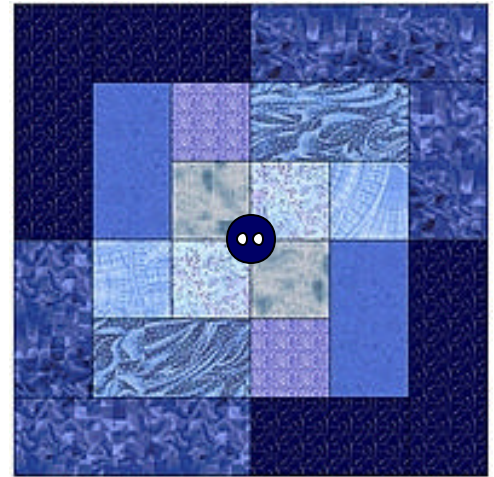


Fabric Requirements:

One strip of #1A, #2A, #1B & #2B - 1½" Wide X 3½" Long (this allows for trimming)

Two strips each of #3A and #3B - 1½" Wide X 2½" Long (4 pieces total).

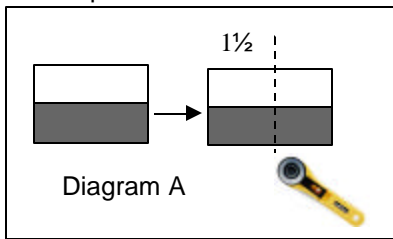
Two strips each of #4A and #4B - 1½" Wide X 2½" Long (4 pieces total) and two strips each 1½" Wide X 3 ½" Long (4 pieces total).



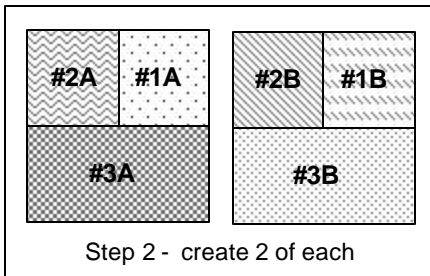
Method:

The construction method for creating this block is similar to creating a traditional log cabin block. You will be creating four small blocks (2 of each colour set) and then joining them into one block.

1. Create two strip sets (Diagram A) using #1A and #2A - #1B and #2B. Cut these strip sets into four 1½" sets of two blocks - 2 pieces for set A and 2 pieces for B.

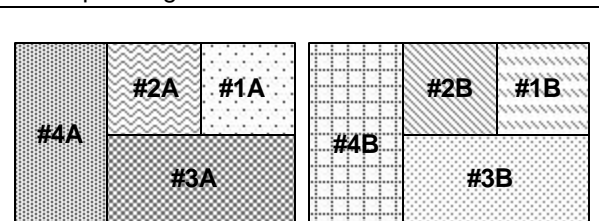


2. Join pieces #3A and #3B to their corresponding strip sets.



Step 2 - create 2 of each

3. Join pieces #4A and #4B to their corresponding blocks.



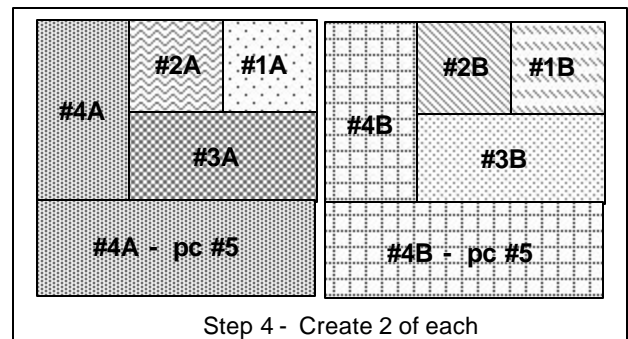
Step 3 - create 2 of each of the above blocks

Finishing:
Add a 3/4" blue button to the center.

Tip:

If you regularly use pins to match your seams - try using a very small dot of **Glue Baste-It**. It also works great to hold a button into place before you sew it - just remember to avoid getting glue near the stitching holes. (Roxanne's glue - is available at our local quilt shops.)

4. Add the 1½" X 3½" Strips #4A and #4B - Piece #5.



Step 4 - Create 2 of each

5. Join the four blocks in adjacent corners as pictured in Diagram B. (Blocks are "kitty-cornered" and flipped 180 degrees).

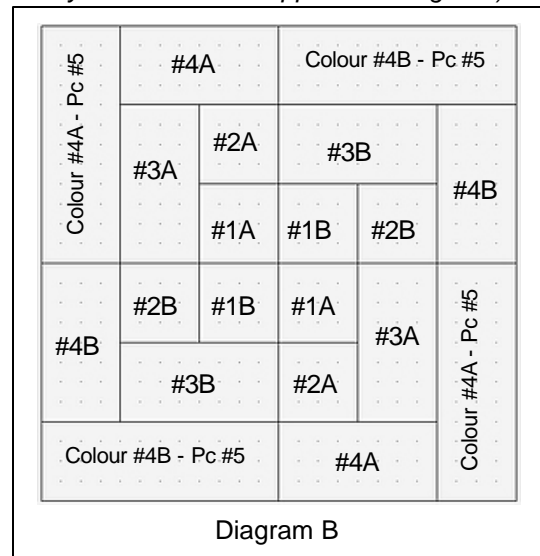


Diagram B

This is not a difficult block - the instructions just seem complicated! Questions: Linda Rothe email: lindaroth@telus.net or telephone 604-591-1756