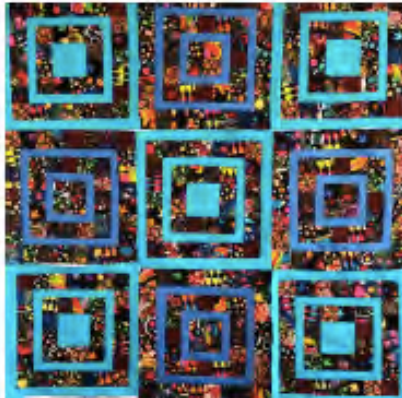


Block of the Month

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April BOTM - Black and Blue Square in a square

Completed block size is 16.5"



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BLOCK 1



Fabric requirements:

2.5" black pattern squares – 48 [try to use at least 6 different prints]

Sew a four square

Sew 2 sets each of 3, 5, 6 and 8 squares in a row

1.5 wide solid bright blue strips

2 each of 4.5", 6.5", 10.5", 12.5"

Instructions: [they are pretty simple]



Take the four square [measuring 4.5" square].



Add on the 4.5" then the 6.5" solid blue strips.

Add each of the 3 square sets to opposite sides; then add the 5 square sets.



Continue by adding the 10.5" then the 12.5" solid blue strips.

For the final round add the 6 square sets then the 8 square sets. You're finished.

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BLOCK 2



Fabric requirements:

black pattern squares – 2.5" x 36 [use at least 6 different prints]

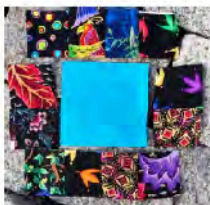
Sew 2 sets each of 2, 4, 5 and 7 squares in a row

bright blue solids

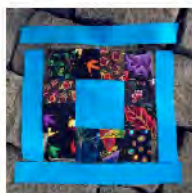
4.5" square for centre

1.5" strips - 2 each of 8.5", 10.5", 14.5", 16.5"

Instructions: [they are pretty simple]



Take the 4.5" centre square and add a set of 2 square to each side. Add the 4 square sets to the other sides.



Add the 8.5" strips to opposite sides, then the 10.5" strips.

Continue adding the black squares then finishing with the blue strips to measure 16.5".

Winner of March BoMs was Miranda Hwang