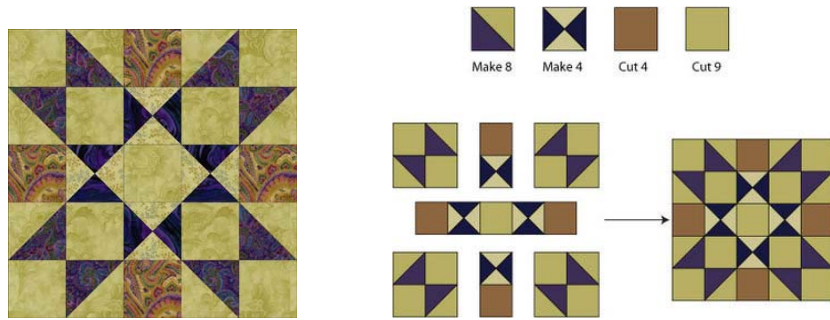


QCNNY Block of the Month. March, 2010

Providence, a 12½ " Block

(Source: About.com Quilting)



A demo for this block will take place following the February meeting. There are several ways to quick piece HSTs. Instructions assume you will use the sandwich method, where two squares of fabric are sewn together along the diagonal and then cut apart to create two identical HSTs. **If you choose another method, cutting will differ.** Choose a method that will yield units that finish at 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" -- or are an unfinished 3" x 3" square.

Providence Quilt Block Fabrics & Cutting

Two different green print background fabrics are shown. They are similar, but the fabric used in quarter square triangle units are slightly lighter in color value. The deep purple (one is multicolor) fabrics blend, but look different visually. Midpoint squares are made from a paisley fabric that picks up some of the other colors in the block, but isn't as dark as the purple "star" tips.

Light green print for background: (4) 3-3/8" x 3-3/8" squares; (9) 3" x 3" squares

Lightest green print: (2) 3-3/4" x 3-3/4" squares

Deepest purple print: (2) 3-3/4" x 3-3/4" squares (for quarter square triangle units)

Purple/multicolor print: (4) 3-3/8" x 3-3/8" squares

Medium paisley print: (4) 3" x 3" squares

Assemble the Providence Quilt Block

1. Gather your 3-3/8" x 3-3/8" light green squares and your purple/multicolor squares of the same size. Use the sandwich method to pair contrasting squares, making four half square triangle units. When complete, each unit should measure 3x 3".
2. Gather your 3-3/4" x 3-3/4" lightest green squares and the deep purple squares of the same size. Use the same easy sandwich method to pair contrasting squares. Half square triangle units should measure 3-3/8" x 3-3/8".
3. Take your Step 2 units one notch further, combining them to make quarter square triangle units. See the illustration above, and be sure to place unlike triangles right sides together when it's time to sew. Each completed unit should measure 3" x 3" square.
4. Arrange the pieced units and the squares into the sub-units (top, middle and bottom rows) as illustrated (lower left).
5. Sew units in each section together, pressing seams in adjoining units in opposite directions where possible.
6. Sew components in each row together.
7. Sew rows together. Press. The quilt block should measure 12 ½ x 12 ½.