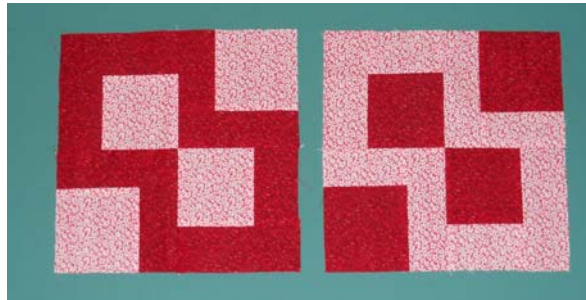


QCNNY Block of the Month

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NO PATIENCE

(Source: Rotary Cutting Revolution)



Finished block size: 9" x 9"

After viewing the "Infinite Variety" exhibition this spring, many of us were inspired to fashion our very own red and white masterpiece. Perhaps making this simple block will whet your creative appetite if you have not yet begun your quilt. To help get you started, these directions yield two blocks.

This is a strictly two-color undertaking. Two solid colors will be fine, however, it is not necessary to confine yourself to solids. Stripes, tone on tones, batiks, dots, and small to medium prints will work up nicely, too, as long as there is no third (or other) color introduced. The fabrics in the photo are small prints: a dense red one and a tiny red and white floral. As long as there is strong contrast between the 'red' and the 'white' elements of the block, the drama of the quilts exhibited at the armory will be duplicated.

1. Rough cut from each fabric an 11½"- 12" square. Starch and press them. Layer them with right sides up, press again, and trim them to 11" square.
2. Cut two vertical 2" x 11" strips from the stack's left (or right) and set aside. The stack is now 7" x 11". Next, cut two horizontal 2" x 7" strips from the bottom (or top) of the stack. Set aside. There should be a 7" square stack of two fabrics remaining.
3. Take the white square and sew two red 2" x 7" strips to opposite sides. Press away from the square. Sew the red long strips to the remaining white sides and press away from the center. Press. Trim the block to 10" square. You will have a red-framed white square.
4. Cut the block down the middle vertically and horizontally into four equal 5" quarters.
5. Switch the positions of the upper right and lower left quarters without rotating them. The result is a red figure eight leaning left with white corners on the upper right and lower left.
6. Stitch together as a four-patch. Press. It should measure 9½" x 9½".
7. Repeat steps 3-6 and reverse the colors for the second block.