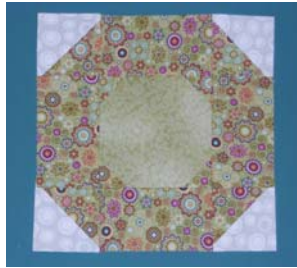


QCNNY Block of the Month

November 2011

Dinner Plate

(Source: Quilts 2006 Calendar)



Finished block size: 10" x 10"

At this time of year, thoughts of holiday meals loom large. Hopefully, this easy to construct block is reminiscent of happy memories of breaking bread with loved ones. Only three fabrics are used: a small print for the plate rim, a coordinating solid for the plate center, and white for the tablecloth.

Starch and press the fabrics before cutting.

PLEASE NOTE:

A **scant 1/4" seam** is stitched a thread's width less than a typical 1/4" seam allowance.

This block uses the **sandwich method** of half-square triangle—HST—unit construction: two contrasting squares of fabric are sewn together diagonally down the center (with scant 1/4" seams) along two parallel stitching guides, and then cut apart between these stitched lines. This creates two identical HST units. Press toward the darker fabric.

Cut the following from your fabrics:

Plate center (1) 5½" square
Plate rim (4) 3" x 5½" rectangles; (4) 1¾" squares; (2) 3-7/8" squares
Tablecloth (2) 3-7/8" squares

1. Pair the 3-7/8" plate rim squares with the tablecloth squares to make 4 HST units.
2. Draw a light diagonal line on the wrong side of all the 1¾" squares. With right sides together, place a small square on each corner of the 5½" square; the drawn diagonal line should form a triangle with the corner. Stitch a scant 1/4" seam on the diagonal lines. Press each triangle toward its corner; do not trim away the two layers underneath.
3. Sew two rectangles to opposite sides of the 5½" square. Press toward the rectangles.
4. Matching the dark edges, sew a HST unit to each end of the remaining rectangles (see photo). Press each seam toward the rectangle.
5. Sew these strips to the remaining sides of the block. Press seams away from the center. The block should measure 10½" square.