

QCNNY Block of the Month December 2010

AUTOGRAPH BLOCK



Finished block size: 9" x 9"

This traditional block, known by many names, is a favorite for memory quilts. Choose a bold batik and white to give this simple two-color design a sophisticated look.

Cut from:

batik: (2) 2 ½" x 6 ½" strips white: (1) 2 ½" x 6 ½" strip
(1) 5 ½" x 5 ½" square (1) 5 ½" x 5 ½" square

1. With white in the center, sew the strips together with accurate ¼" seam. Press seams toward batik. Lightly mark the center of all four sides.
2. Cut the 5 ½" batik square in half on one diagonal to yield two triangles. Lightly mark the mid-point of the diagonal lines.
3. Matching centers, sew the triangles to the short ends of the strip set. Sew with the strip set on top to better control the bias edge of the triangles. Press seams toward the triangles. Trim tips.
4. Cut the 5 ½" white square in half on the diagonal to yield two triangles. Lightly mark the mid-point of the diagonal lines.
5. Matching centers, sew the triangles to the long sides of the strip set. Sew with the strip set on top to control the bias edges. Press seams toward the triangles. Trim tips. The block should measure 9 ½" x 9 ½" square.
6. Sign the block with a permanent marking pen. (Press the shiny side of freezer paper to the wrong side of the white strip with a hot dry iron to make writing on fabric a snap!)