

QCNNY Block of the Month December 2011

Initially Speaking (Source: D. L. Collier)



Finished block size: 8" x 8"

What with modern technology allowing us to be in constant contact with everyone around the clock, it's to be expected that written language would adapt to accommodate the latest developments in electronic communication devices. What is surprising is that verbal interfaces would mimic--and then ultimately substitute for--these written abbreviations of common expressions. This block addresses this phenomenon.

Choose a popular two-, three-, or four-letter sequence that represents a common phrase. Then, appliqu , paint, print, stamp, write (with indelible ink or marker) on a stark white or black background. The blocks in the photo are appliqu d representations of "Bacon, Lettuce, and Tomato on white" and Tender Loving Care.

Press all fabrics before cutting; if appliqu ing, starch the background fabric, too. Rough cut a 10" square of black or white background fabric. Fold it in half horizontally, then vertically, and crease the folds. Use these creases to center your design and affix it permanently. Press from the wrong side (onto a towel if you appliqu d). Starch lightly. Trim to 8½" x 8½".

