

Don't know what to call it...but it'll be fun!

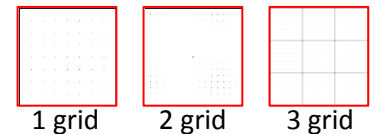
November: Three, four now what's in store?

More basic principles to apply to everyday quilting.

- When adding sashing or borders to blocks, rows or quilt centres there is only one way to attach them. If you are not joining them in this manner – than you are definitely doing this incorrectly. The borders will buckle & wave and quilts will not lay flat or straight. Telling me that 'yours never do' does not fly – either you are just lucky or naïve. If you have the nerve, ask your machine quilter what she/he thinks!
Please refer to the additional handout provided on how to join borders correctly.
- Remember to audition your fabrics before cutting. Fabric placement within a block or quilt is an opportunity to use colour – there are no rules. For example, a background does not have to be cream. It is another place for fabric. Just because it is always done that way doesn't mean it is the only or right way for your quilt.

Lesson 3: Plain or Pieced - 3"

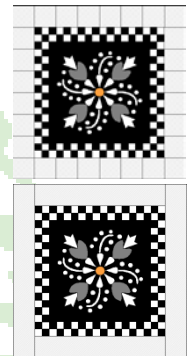
This border should be a finished 3" width. It will define the centre and prepare for Lesson 4.



- Select a 3" x 3" fin. size pieced quilt block of your choosing (this is a 3" repeat unit) that would look good with your design thus far but keep it simple by using a 1, 2 or 3-grid block;
 - or
- Select fabric to be added as a sashing/coping border to define the centre, add colour, to provide an area for quilting or as an applique border.

For Medallion / Rectangle Challenge Quilt:

- Add 3" fin. size pieced quilt block of your choosing – Make, join, press.
 - ✓ How many? $18" \div 3 = 6$ blocks x 4 sides = 24 + 4 corners = 28 blocks
 - ✓ Make (28) 3" x 3" finished size blocks (3-1/2" x 3-1/2" unfinished)
- Add 3" fin. size Sashing Strips to your quilt block – Cut, join, press, trim.
 - ✓ Cut (2) 3-1/2" x 20" strips. Block should now measure 18-1/2" x 24-1/2" unf.
 - ✓ Cut (2) 3-1/2" x 26" strips. Block should now measure 24-1/2" x 24-1/2" unf.



The Math: $18" + 3" + 3" = 24"$ plus 1/2" (total seam allowance) = 24-1/2" x 24-1/2" unfinished measurement.

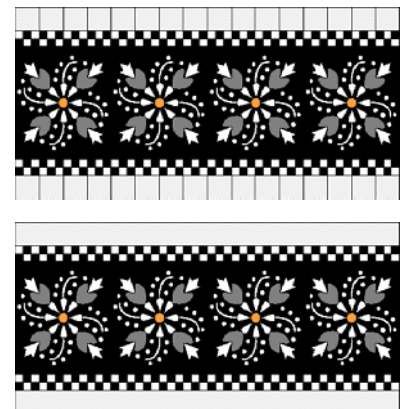
For Vertical / Horizontal Row Challenge Quilt:

- Add 3" fin. size pieced quilt block of your choosing – Make, join, press.
 - ✓ How many? $48" \div 3 = 16$ blocks x 2 sides = 32 blocks
 - ✓ Make (32) 3" x 3" finished size blocks (3-1/2" x 3-1/2" unfinished)
- Add 3" fin. size Sashing Strips to your quilt block – Cut, join, press, trim.
 - ✓ Make (2) 3-1/2" x 50" strips.

Cut strip lengths to either place the seam at the centre: Cut (4) 3-1/2" x 42" WOF strips. Join (2) short ends together to make one longer strip. Make 2.

or

Cut strip lengths to position the seam closer to one end, but place at opposite ends of other side: Cut (2) 3-1/2" x 42" WOF strips, cut (2) 3-1/2" x 10" strips. Join (1) 42" long strip to (1) 10" short strip at short ends to make one longer strip. Make 2.



The Math: $18" + 3" + 3" = 24"$ plus 1/2" (total seam allowance) = 24-1/2" x 48-1/2" unfinished measurement.
The length does not change as we did not add anything to it...yet.

Lesson 4: Plain or Pieced - 4"

This border should be a finished 4" width. It will define the centre and prepare for Lesson 5 next month.

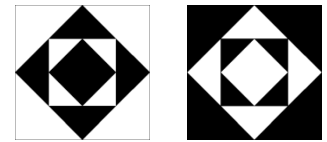


- Select a 4" fin. size pieced quilt block of your choosing (this is a 4" repeat unit) that would look good with your design thus far but keep it simple by using a 1, 2 or 4-grid block; or
- Select fabric to be added as a sashing/coping border to define the centre, add colour, to provide an area for quilting or as an applique border.

For Medallion / Rectangle Challenge Quilt:

a) Add 4" fin. size pieced quilt block of your choosing – Make, join, press.

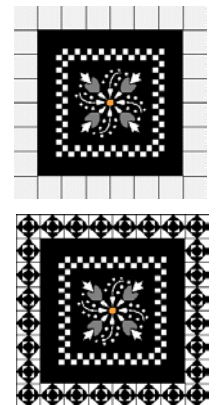
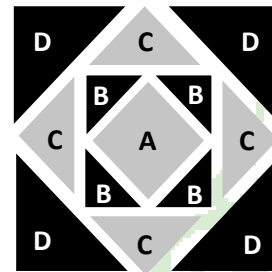
- ✓ How many? $24" \div 4" = 6$ blocks x 4 sides = 24 + 4 corners = 28 blocks
- ✓ Make (28) 4" x 4" finished size blocks (4-1/2" x 4-1/2" unfinished)



Twelve Triangles Block: 4" x 4" fin. size block (4-1/2" x 4-1/2" unfinished) is a pieced block that makes a very interesting border. Because of its size it is a bit more complex. If this block is too difficult for you OR is not suitable for what you have completed thus far, please choose a different block (same size). This border is based on an identical repeat unit (4"). The width of this border will be 4" / 4-1/2" unfin.

Block Construction: For (1) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" unfin. size Cut the following:

- A: Cut (1) 1-7/8" x 1-7/8" square.
- B: Cut (2) 1-7/8" x 1-7/8" squares. Subcut
- C: Cut (2) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" squares. Subcut
- D: Cut (2) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares. Subcut



- Layout the cut fabrics to form the block diagram. Join B triangles to the A centre square by matching centres. Attach opposite sides. Press seams to the A square. This square should measure 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" unfin. Trim to tidy. **Note:** This can be replaced with a single cut 2-1/2" square!
- Continuing in this same manner, join C triangles and press. This block should now measure 2-13/16" x 2-13/16" unfin. This falls between the 3/4 & the 7/8 inch lines on the ruler. Trim to tidy.
- Join D triangles and press. This block should now measure 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" unfinished. Trim to tidy. Make the number of blocks required for your quilt.
- Make (4) border strips by joining (6) blocks end to end for each, matching points carefully, pinning and stitching. Attach one strip to the Left/right sides of quilt. Using the remaining (4) blocks, join to each end of the (2) sewn border strips. Refer to the additional handout on borders if necessary.

The Math: $24" + 4" + 4" = 32"$ plus 1/2" (total seam allowance) = $32-1/2" \times 32-1/2"$ unfinished measurement.

For Vertical / Horizontal Row Challenge Quilt:

a) Add 4" fin. size pieced quilt block of your choosing – Make, join, press.

- ✓ How many? $48" \div 4" = 12$ blocks x 2 sides = 24 blocks
- ✓ Make (24) 4" x 4" finished size blocks (4-1/2" x 4-1/2" unfinished)

- Follow the instructions above for the Twelve Triangles block to make the required number of 4" blocks for this layout.
- Make (2) border strips by joining (12) blocks end to end for each, matching points carefully, pinning and stitching. Attach strips to the opposite sides of quilt. Refer to the additional handout on borders if necessary.

The Math: $24" + 4" + 4" = 32"$ plus 1/2" (total seam allowance) = $32-1/2" \times 48-1/2"$ unfinished measurement. The length? No change...yet.

