Northwest Quilters Block of the Month... A Color Wheel Tour 2011-2012 April 2012

All blocks will be 12 1/2" unfinished 12" finished

Note: Instructions for 1 block. If you are making one for the block lotto and one for yourself, you will need to double the cutting instructions.



We are doing a tetrad harmony in Yellow, red, green and violet this month. You choose the background ... White, cream or black.



Let's do a Card Trick block!

A tetrad harmony is two sets of complimentary colors that are equally spaced on the color wheel. This month we will use red and green and yellow and violet. Background will be your choice of white or black. Use tone on tone prints, solids, batiks, if it reads like one of these colors.... Give it a chance. Remember to vary your values and textures.

Cut Fabric	Color	Cut	Cut
	White.	Cut 2	Cut 1
	Cream or	5" x 5" squares	5 ½" x 5 ½" square
	Black background	Sub-cut on the diagonal to create 4 HS triangles.	Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions. Yields 4 QS triangles.
	violet	Cut 1	Cut 1
	1	5" × 5" square	5 ½" x 5 ½" square
THE REAL PROPERTY.		Sub-cut on the diagonal to create 2 HS triangles.	Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions Keep 2 of the QS triangles.
	yellow	Cut 1	Cut 1
	yenow	5" x 5" square	5 ½" x 5 ½" square
		Sub-cut on the diagonal to create 2 HS triangles.	Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions Keep 2 of the QS triangles.
	Red	Cut 1	Cut 1
		5" x 5" square	5 ½" x 5 ½" square
		Sub-cut on the diagonal to create 2 HS triangles.	Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions Keep 2 of the QS triangles.
9 5	Green	Cut 1	Cut 1
	Decementals)	5" x 5" square	5 ½" x 5 ½" square
		Sub-cut on the diagonal to create 2 HS triangles.	Sub-cut on the diagonal both directions Keep 2 of the QS triangles.

(HS= Half Square QS= Quarter Square)

Sewing: Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance.

Start stitching from the flat side end at the point Using one QS Triangle of each of your focus colors, place the yellow triangle face up. Cover with a violet triangle face down, itch. Press toward the violet. Your resulting triangle will have the yellow on the left when the triangle points up.

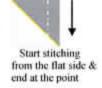
Start stacking from the flat side end at the point Repeat the above process, with the green triangle on the top and the red triangle on the bottom. Stitch and press towards the red. The resulting triangle will have the green on the left.





Match up the center seams. Carefully stitch the two triangles together to create the center square. Press without distorting the unit. This unit will measure 4 ½" square. Trim evenly if necessary.





With the focus triangles on the bottom, place the background fabric face down on the top. Repeat for each color. Press towards the color and away from the background. The color will be on the right side of the resulting triangle.





Match the violet/bg triangle with a yellow HS triangle. Stitch together Repeat with the remaining pieces matching as follows....

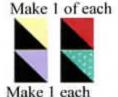
- = Green/bg triangle to the violet HS triangle
- = Red/bg triangle to the green HS triangle
- = Yellow/bg triangle to the red HS triangle.

 Press all to the larger triangles. The resulting units should be 4 ½" square.



Use one HS triangle of each focal color and 4 HS triangles of background. Stitch one background to

each of the focus colors. Press towards the background. These units will each measure 4 1/2".





Lay the components out as in the picture to the left. Stitch together to make rows. Press to the outside of the top and bottom row. And towards the center square in the middle row. Stitch the rows together. Press. The block should measure 12 ½"

Remember to make one for the block lotto and one for yourself! Have fun! See you at the April meeting!

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