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

## All blocks will be 12 <sup>1</sup>/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 split complimentary harmony in blue, yellow-orange and orange-red.

We will make a log cabin block this month!

Split complimentary color harmonies take one color, (let's say blue) and then the two colors that are on either side of the compliment. Blue's compliment is Orange, so we will be using yellow-orange and orange-red. Use tone on tone prints, solids, batiks, if it reads like one of these colors...use it. Remember to vary your values and textures.

Cut Fabric	Color	Cut	Cut
< * <sup>*</sup>	Blue	Cut 1 3 ½ x 3 ½" Square	
	Orange-red #1	Cut 1	Cut 1
	(lightest value)	2 x 3 ½" Strip	2 x 5" Strip
	Orange-red #2	Cut 1	Cut 1
	(medium value)	2 x 6 ½" Strip	2 x 8" Strip
	Orange-red #3	Cut 1	Cut 1
	(darkest value)	2 x 9 ½" Strip	2 x 11" Strip
	Yellow-orange #1	Cut 1	Cut 1
	(lightest value)	2 x 5" Strip	2 x 6 ½" Strip
0.0.0.0	Yellow-orange #2	Cut 1	Cut 1
	(medium value)	2 x 8" Strip	2 x 9 ½" Strip
•••••	Yellow orange #3	Cut 1	Cut 1
	(darkest value)	2 x 11" Strip	2 x 12 ½" Strip

## Sewing:

Start with the blue square. As you stitch, keep the blue square on the bottom, with the strip you are adding on the top as you stitch... (this will keep all the blocks stacking in the same direction.) (You will always press to the outside, and you will always rotate your block in the same direction! The last strip you added should be closest to you as you sit at your machine.) As I worked, this meant I was rotating clockwise.

Stitch the smallest orange-red #1 strip onto the blue square. Finger press or press with your iron towards the outside. Rotate the block 90 degrees, and stitch the larger orange-red #1 strip to the next side. Again, press the seam towards the outside.

Rotate 90 degrees, and stitch the smallest yellow-orange #1 strip to the growing square. Press to the outside. Rotate 90 degrees. Add the second yellow-orange #1 strip. Press to the outside. Your block should now measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$  square.

Continue in the same manner, adding the orange-red #2, yellow orange #2 strips. Remember to always rotate in the same direction and to press your seam to the outside as you work. Your block should now measure  $9\frac{1}{2}$ "

Continue adding the strips using orange-red #3 and yellow-red #3. Remember to always rotate in the same direction and to press your seam to the outside as you work.

Your block now measures 12 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". Trim if you need to.

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

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