

February 2019 Reveal – Community Quilts Riddle Block

Some of the members of Ocean Waves Quilt Guild are very experienced and practically quilt experts while others lack the experience or are novice quilters. That is why I've included a couple of YouTube links, that shed more light on some of the techniques needed for this block. And if you still think this block is too complicated to tackle, read the "Notes" section after the instructions. I'm hoping that if we feel more secure in our capabilities, we will be making more entries for the Community Quilts Riddle.

Fabric Needed:

Any two different dark shades of fabric (Dark-1 and Dark-2) and one white fabric are needed for this month's riddle block. Although the sketches pictured below are red and blue, Dark-1 and Dark-2 do not have to be red and blue. Any dark color will be fine. A fat quarter of each is more than enough fabric.

Half square triangles are needed to create this block. One method is included in the instructions below in the following tutorial → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hM2jHjci64w>

Instructions:

1. Cut one 3 ½" square from each of the dark colors. (You will now have one Dark-1 and one Dark-2 squares.)
2. Cut two 3 ½" squares from the white fabric.
3. Draw a line from corner to corner on each 3 ½" x 3 ½" white squares.
4. With right sides together, match one white square with the Dark-1 square and sew a ¼" seam down both sides of the drawn line.
5. With right sides together, match one white square with the Dark-2 square and sew a ¼" seam down both sides of the drawn line.
6. Cut squares at the drawn lines. Open and press toward the dark fabric to yield two Dark-1 half square triangle units and two Dark-2 half square triangle units.
7. Square up each unit to 2 ½" x 2 ½" and set aside. (See link above if needed.)
8. Cut eight 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares from the Dark-1 fabric. Dark-1 fabric appears in red in the diagram below.
9. Cut six 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares from the Dark-2 fabric. Dark-2 fabric appears in blue in the diagram below.
10. Cut six 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares from the white fabric.
11. Cut two 4 ½" x 4 ½" squares from the white fabric.
12. Arrange the squares and half square triangle units as shown in Image 1 and sew them together.

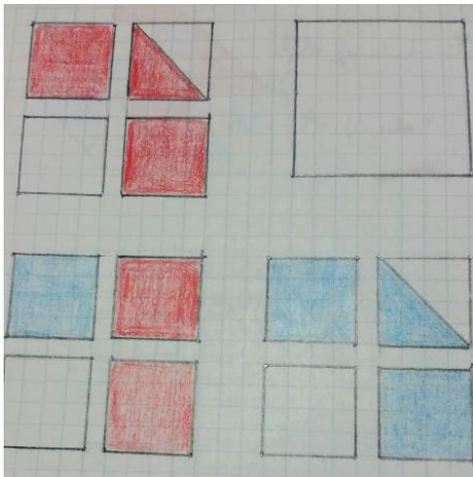
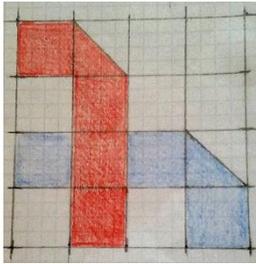


Image 1

13. This will provide the two blocks needed to complete your entry. One will go for the Community Quilts Project and one will go to the raffled blocks pile.



The finished blocks will look like Image 2 →

Notes:

I-This block is nothing more than a 4-patch block, made from three pieced units and a square. Each of the pieced units is also a 4-patch. See Images 3 - 5.

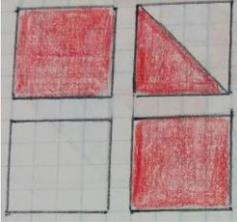


Image 3 →

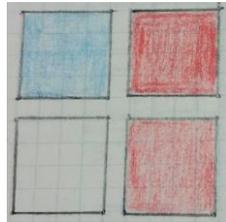


Image 4 →

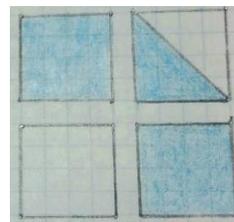


Image 5 →

II-You can make the half square triangle units from $3 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares with no need to “square up” More information on making half square triangle units can be found here. →

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RU9lgof_ec

III-Repeat steps 1-12 and make other blocks and increase your chances of winning.