



Herring House Quilting

Taj Mahal Block



Supplies:

Fabrics
Fabric scissors
Neutral thread
Straight pins (or clips)
Omnigrid 6 X 24 inch ruler
Omnigrid 6-1/2 inch square ruler
Omnigrid Fons and Porter Flying Geese ruler
Sewing Machine
1/4 inch foot

Learning experience:

Using specialty rulers to make a block

12-inch block

Four different fabrics are used: Dark 1 (my dark purple), Dark 2 (my dark green) medium (my light purple), and light (my cream print).

For the four corner 4-patch sections:

From the light fabric

Cut 1 strip 2 inches wide by width of fabric; cut into eight 2 inch squares

From the dark 1 fabric fabric

Cut 1 strip 2 inches wide by width of fabric; cut into eight 2 inch squares

For the center square:

From the medium fabric

Cut one 6-1/2 inch square

From the Dark 1 fabric

Cut one strip 2-12 inches wide, cut four 2-1/2 inch squares

For the four Flying Geese sections

From the light fabric

Cut 1 strip 3-1/2 inches wide, cut four flying Geese center triangles

From the Dark 2 fabric

Cut 1 strip 3-1/2 inches wide, cut eight flying Geese side triangles



For the four 4-patch units, sew one dark 1 square to one light square, press towards the dark. Sew the two sections together to form the 4-patch. Press seam either way.



To make the Flying Geese units, sew one side triangle to the center triangle, press seam toward the dark fabric. Sew the other side triangle to the opposite side, press seam toward the dark.



To make the center section, draw a diagonal line from point-to-point on the four 2-1/2 inch dark 1 squares. Place these squares on the four corners of the 6-1/2 inch square, with the diagonal line going from side to side. Stitch on the drawn line. Cut 1/4 inch from the sewn line. Press towards the dark fabric.



Lay out the block sections to form the block. Sew the sections together in rows, pressing the seams towards the Flying Geese sections. Sew the rows together, pressing the seams away from the center block.