

Chop Sticks

March Block of the Month (due at the April meeting)

This block requires one black or black and white 9 1/2" square, and one to five 1" by 10" bright strips that have high contrast to your square.

Chop your square with a random cut parallel to the edge of the square. Sew one strip between the two chopped edges with a scant quarter inch seam.

Now chop a second cut through the square either parallel to the last cut or perpendicular to it (parallel to the opposite edge). Sew a second strip between the two cut pieces being sure to align the prior sewn strip across the new strip.

Repeat as you want with random cuts, making sure that you sew with a scant quarter inch seam and that you always align the prior strips across the new strip that you are adding. If you chop parallel, perpendicular, then parallel again, you will see a weaved pattern. Please mix it up so that there are a variety of cut numbers and arrangements.

Square up the block to 9 1/2".

