September 2023 Block of the Month – the Quarter Square Triangle

This Month's Basic Block is the **Quarter Square Triangle Unit**.

Our Block will be 12 inch Finished (12 ½" unfinished). This really is a great block and can make a lot of designs– it is a great block to use for a border.

Here are the cutting instructions for four of our 3 colour blocks needed to make our square:
- Colour 1 – one 7 ¼" square (medium value)
- Colour2 – one strip 13 ¾" X 6 7/8" (Dark value) ((here I would cut 14x7 and trim down))
- Colour 3 – (same as Colour 1) one 7 ¼" square (lightest value)

These cuts are for a no-special-ruler method. If you prefer to use a ruler, like the Tucker Trimmer 1(and I can name quite a few of you who have this ruler) to build this block, it will go together quite quickly. It was one of the main blocks we used to make the Dragonfly Mystery Quilt. Build the strata unit by laying out the strips in the colour order you want and sewing long sides together. Press to the dark side for easy nesting of seams if you are making multiples of this block.

Step one is cutting colour 2 (the strip) in half so you have two squares measuring 6 7/8" each. (Just telling you about 1/8" cuts gives me the willies!). Next, place colour 1 and 3 right sides together. Cut diagonally twice to get 4 sets of triangles ready to sew. Sew on the short side to form a bigger triangle. Press to the dark side…I heard they have cookies.

Now cut Colour 2, your darkest value, diagonally so you have 4 triangles. Place one with each of the light and medium triangles you just made and make sure to have all four triangles with the light always in the same spot. Press to the dark fabric. Make a 4-patch with the medium fabric at the center of the resulting pinwheel. Be sure to spin the center seam so that you have a nice flat finish.

To see the block repeated - https://www.quilterscache.com/P/PinwheelBlock_Page2.html

Happy Stitching! Lisa and Cherie

This first one is not as successful with not enough contrast in the yellow and orange, while the second picture shows the pinwheel really well.