

Bordered Monkey Wrench - April 2021 Block of the Month

Block size – 12" finished. Your block should be 12.5" unfinished.

Blocks will be used to make quilts for our veterans!

For each block you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Blue or Red (corner squares)	3.5" x 3.5"	4
Blue or Red (center square)	2.5" x 2.5"	1
Blue or Red (for HSTs)	3" x 3"	2
Background: cream or white (rectangles)	3.5" x 6.5"	4
" (squares)	2.5" x 2.5"	4
" (for HSTs)	3" x 3"	2

Create the Monkey Wrench center block:

Step 1: Draw a line from corner to corner on the backs of the background 3"x3" squares.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

STEP 2: With right sides together, layer these squares onto the 3" colored squares and sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line. You are making Half Square Triangles (HSTs).

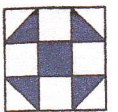
STEP 3: Cut on the drawn line and press each HST to the dark side.

TRIM squares to measure 2.5"x 2.5". Make 4.



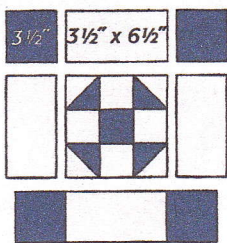
STEP 4: Referring to the diagram, layout and stitch 3 rows using the 4 background 2.5" squares, the 4 HSTs you just made, and the colored center 2.5" square. Press seams to the dark fabrics.

STEP 5: Now stitch the 3 rows together to complete the Monkey Wrench block.



To complete the "border" for the final block:

STEP 6: Follow the next diagram to sew the top, middle and bottom rows using the 3.5" x 6.5" rectangles and the 3.5" colored corner squares. Press to the dark fabrics so that the 3 rows will nest together, then stitch the 3 rows together. Measure the block to 12.5" x 12.5" as the unfinished size.



This block will make a great quilt if we revise the March Four Patch Diamond into a Star block and alternate it with this Bordered Monkey Wrench!

To make the Star, use cream or white background fabric for 4 – 3.5"x3.5" corners and 1 – 7.75"x7.75" piece and cut the colored star fabric into 1 – 6.5"x6.5" center and 4 -4.25"x4.25" squares as star points. Make the "4-at-a-time Flying Geese" as before but place turn the points out to make the star when sewing together!

