

## Block of the Month

Each month we will be presenting you with a different block. The instructions will be published in the newsletter, given at the following meeting, then collected the next month. Many times there is more than one way to make a particular block. We choose what is easiest to explain in one page. You may construct your block with your preferred technique, however. We also try to choose blocks that are not too complicated. There are times when a block will draw upon techniques from previous months. So, save your past newsletters!

One more thing: at each presentation we will show examples of the block. As there can be variations in shades of color, we recommend that you choose colors that are similar to the examples we make. Thereby increasing the likelihood that the squares submitted will look good together.

Suggestion: If you wish to make a sampler quilt for yourself out of the blocks we present, pick out a set of fabrics in your own colors. You can make a block each month for yourself to keep and in a year have enough blocks to make a small quilt. It is recommended that you buy  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a yard each of 6 fabrics: two lights, two mediums, and two darks. Sashing, borders and binding will take more fabric, but can be purchased later.

### Amish Diamond

Start With:

- Pink (color 1) – one 6 ½ inch square (shown as grey)
- White (color 2) – a 3 ½ inch strip at least 26 inches long
- Red (color 3) – a 3 ½ inch strip at least 28 inches long (shown as black)

Cut four 6 ½ inch rectangles from color 2 (white).  
Cut eight 3 ½ inch squares from color 3 (red).

Place a color 3 square on one corner of the large color 1 square, right sides together, matching raw edges. (Fig. 1) Draw a line diagonally across the small square as shown. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim off the outer corner  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from stitching. (Fig 2) Press the new corner away from the larger block. (Fig 3) Repeat for the remaining three corners of the large block. Your diamond block should resemble Figure 4.

Arrange the newly sewn diamond block and remaining squares and rectangles as shown in Figure 5. Sew the pieces in rows of three. Then sew the three rows together, matching intersections. The finished block should measure 12 ½ inches.

**The assembly instructions for this block will be presented at the February meeting. Plan to turn in your creation at the March meeting for the raffle.**

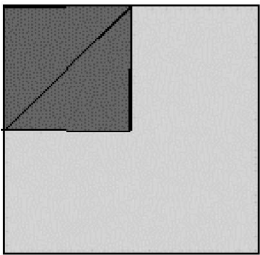


Fig. 1

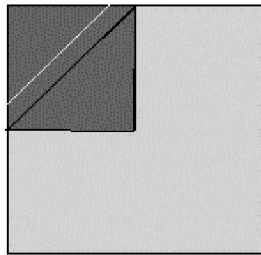


Fig. 2

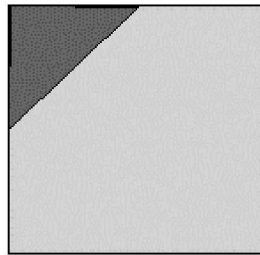


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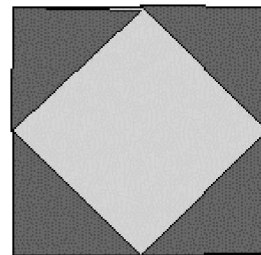


Fig. 4

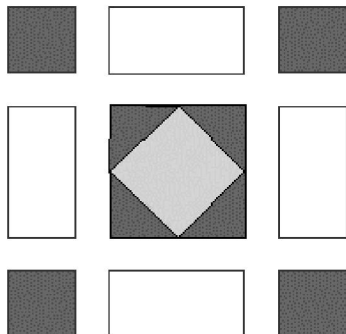
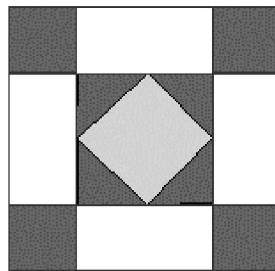


Fig. 5



Completed Square