

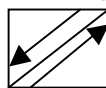
Block of the Month - Scrappy Diamond

You will need:

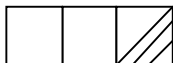
12 light squares 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 Include some yellow
4 light squares 3 by 3

12 med to dark squares 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 Blues, purples and greens
4 blue squares 2 1/2 by 2 1/2
4 med to dark squares 3 by 3

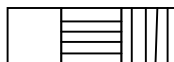
Using the 3 inch squares pair each light with a dark, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the back of the light square in each pair. Sew a quarter inch away down BOTH sides of the drawn line. After sewing, cut the square in half on the drawn line, yielding two half square triangles. Repeat for the other 3 inch pairs. Press open and trim to 2 1/2 inches. You will have a total of 8 half square triangles.



Row 1: Join two light squares to make a pair. Make three more such pairs. Join each light pair to the left light side of a half square triangle. Press seams toward the dark end.



Row 2: Sew together a light, a blue, and a dark square, in that order. Make three more triplets. Press seams toward the light end.



Row 3: Sew the left dark side of a half square triangle to a dark square. Sew another dark square to the end of that dark square. Repeat to make three more rows. Press seams to the dark end.



Sew a row 2 to each row one, keeping the lights on the left and the darks on the right. Then sew a row 3 to each row 1n2 pair. You should have 4 split nine-patch squares. Arrange the squares into 2 rows of two and rotate them so that the light squares are in the four corners and the dark squares are in the middle. Sew them into pairs and then sew the rows together. Press your square flat and trim it if necessary.

