March Block of the Month

Buzz Saw Quilt Block

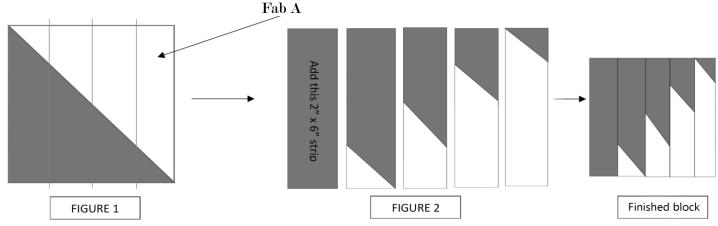
(with a heavy accent on the Focus Fabric)

Materials

- (1) 6-1/2" Squares of Cream Fabric (Fab A) (or small print registering as cream)
- (1) 6-1/2" Squares of Green Fabric (Fab B)
- (2) 6" x 2" Strips of Green Fabric (Fab B)

Directions

- 1 Place the 6-1/2" squares (one Fab A and one Fab B) rights sides together
- 2 Draw a diagonal line, corner to corner on the wrong side of one square
- 3 Pin to secure the sew a <u>scant 1/4"</u> seam on either side of the drawn Line (T1)
- 4 Cut on the diagonal line and press (T2) open towards the darker fabric. (BONUS!!!! You have created two half square triangles Blocks (HST))
- 5 Trim the blocks to 6"
- 6 Cut each block in four $(4) 1 \cdot 1/2$ " strips. Make sure the darker fabric triangle is the bottom left as pictured before cutting the strips. (see Figure 1)



- 7. Flip the strips vertically as pictured and sew together using a 1/4" seam. Adding (1) Strip of Fab B to the end of block. (see Figure 2)
- 8. Press the seams (T3) towards the darker fabric
- 9. Trim Blocks to 6". The block will be slightly larger than you need. Trim the 2" strip to make a square.
- 10. YEAH! you have TWO Blocks for the Block Exchange! Good Luck!

<u>Tips</u>

T1: Sewing Scant 1/4" seam? Try using a foot with a red line down the middle. Measure out the scant 1/4" and adjust the needle position. Line up the red line with the drawn line and start sewing.

T2: Press the HST. Try using an up and down motion with the iron to help reduce stretching the fabric

T3: Press the completed block, as in T2. Try using a block of wood to hold down and set the seams. This takes only a few moments.