

QC 2005 Raffle Quilt

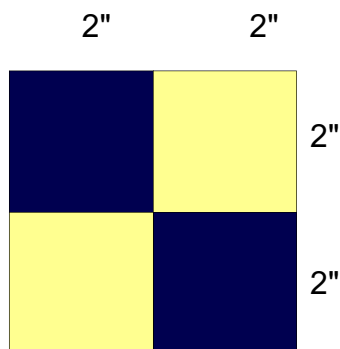
“Success”

Our 2005 Raffle quilt will be a Jacob’s ladder variation entitled “Success”.

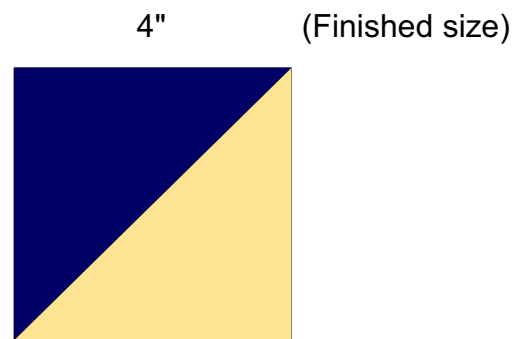
Construction is simple and scrappy. Choose fabrics in 2 values: 1) medium-dark to dark (dark) and 2) pale washes of color or white-on-white (light). These should provide high contrast to help define the pattern. The colors are less important than the values. In fact, don’t be too concerned about how the colors work together in each block. They will work in the quilt! Use different darks and lights selecting ones so that all of the darks and all of the lights are fairly close in value. Fabrics may be multicolored, as long as they are low contrast, or use tone-on-tone, batiks or hand-dyes. There will be examples at the meeting of good fabrics to use.

There are 2 variations of the same block needed (A and B). Please make one of each. If you don’t have time to do 2 blocks, please pair up with a buddy and decide which of you will do A and which B, so that we end up with the same number of each.

For each block, you will need 5 four-patches (4P) and 4 half square triangles (HST).



Four patch

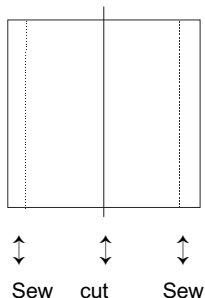


Half square triangle (HST)

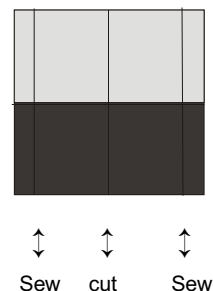
For each set of 2 blocks you will need 9 light and 9 dark 5" squares.

To make 4 patches: Take 1 light 5" square and 1 dark 5" square and place them right sides together. Sew 1/4" seams along 2 opposite sides, then cut apart down the center. Do this with 4 more pairs. Press toward the dark. Pick up two of the pieces you just cut at random and place right sides together (dark against light, light against dark). Sew 1/4" seams along the 2 opposite edges crossing the seams, then cut apart in the center. Press.

Step 1

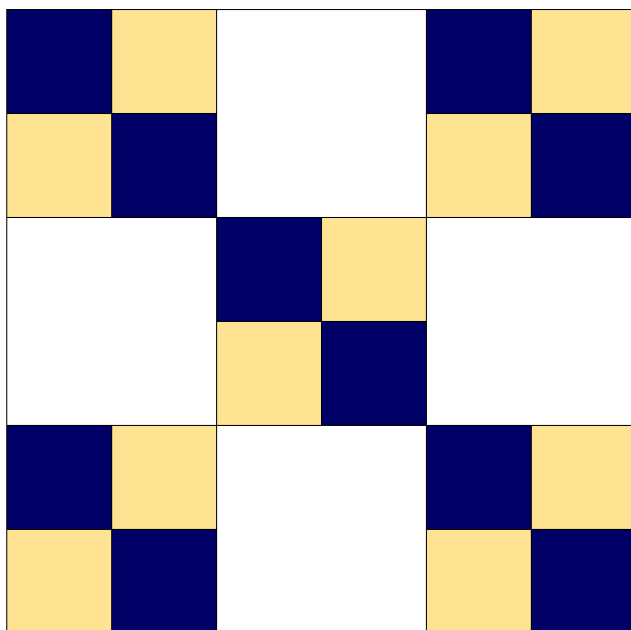


Step 2

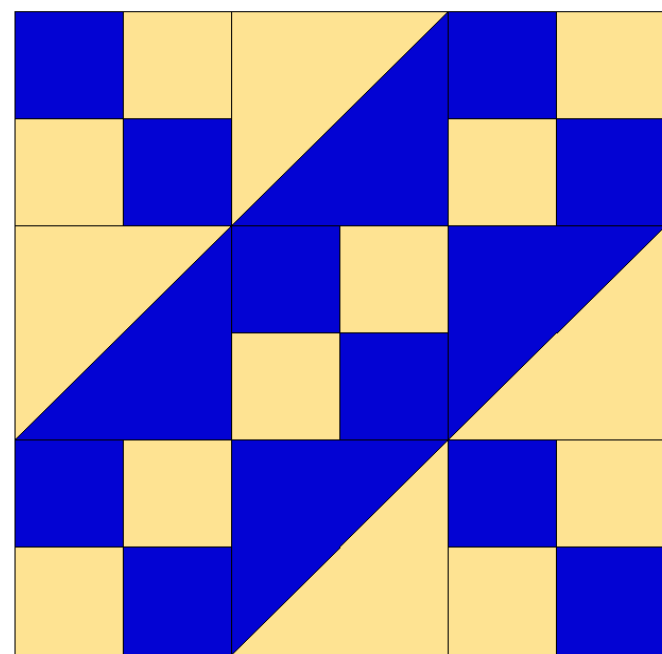


To make four inch half square triangles: Take the remaining 4 pairs of 5" squares. On the wrong side of the light squares, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Place dark and light squares right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut along the diagonal line. Press seam toward dark fabric. Trim to 4 1/2 inches.

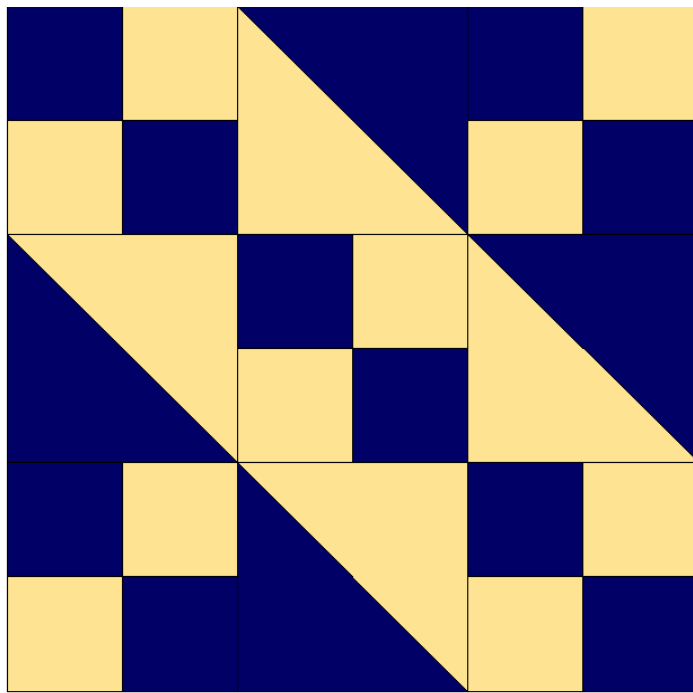
Assemble the 5 four patches and 4 half square triangles into blocks as follows: Position the four patches in the corners and center of the nine patch block with all the dark squares pointing up and to the left.



For block A add the half square triangles this way:



For block B add the half square triangles this way:



After sewing the HST and 4patch units together, please press the seams between them open. Your sewn and pressed block should measure 12 ½ " square.

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Please return the blocks at the March or April, 2004 meetings, or send them to the address above.