

BLOCK OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2018
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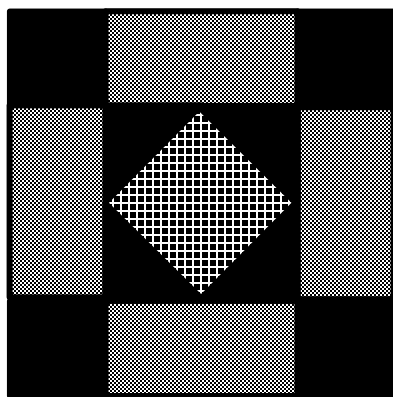
“Happy Valentine’s Day”...We love all the participation you are giving to the Block of the Month. Last month nearly 100 six inch “Bowtie” blocks were submitted. These were divided between two winners - Valarie Lopez and Bea Vieira. Congratulations, ladies.

The block to be turned in at the February meeting is a very simple six inch “Heart”. Use a white or cream background and any red or pink for the heart. The heart can be made from the same fabric or two different ones. Please see the website for complete details.

March’s Block of the Month is “Amish Diamond”. It is a traditional 12” block. It should be made from SOLIDS: black for the squares and triangles, red center, and your color choice for the four remaining rectangular pieces. Please use a good quality 100% cotton. Use a scant ¼” seam allowance. Upon completion your block must measure 12 ½” square unfinished.

BLOCK CONSTRUCTION:

1. Cut one 6 ½” square for the red center.
2. Cut four 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles from your solid color fabric choice.
3. Cut eight 3 ½” squares from the black. Mark a diagonal sewing line on the wrong side of four of the squares.
4. Using one of the marked black marked squares, align a 3 ½” black square with right sides together on the upper left corner of the red center square. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim off the excess leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press the seam open. Sew another square to the opposite corner in the same manner. Complete the two remaining corners in the same way. Square this block to measure 6 ½” if needed.
5. Assemble the pieces according to the diagram below. Make rows first and then join the rows to complete the block. Press all seams open as you go. Give your block a final press. Be sure it measures 12 ½”. Bring this block to the March meeting.



HERE’S HOW IT WORKS!! Complete up to five blocks. Return your completed block(s) for this month to the Block-of-the-Month table at the meeting, and, for each block you make, your name is put into the a drawing. Before the end of the meeting one or more names will be drawn and the winner(s) win the blocks to take home and use as you like.