

CHURN DASH

RAINBOW SCRAP CHALLENGE 2015 SAWTOOTH STAR SAMPLER

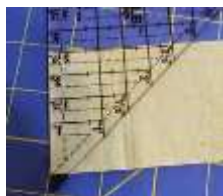


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This is another block that can be made from a few simple strips of scraps. Since most of my scraps are cut into handy strips and sorted by color, I like to find blocks that work with my scraps. Start with 2.5 inch strips of green and background and 1.5 inch strips of green and background. I used two similar but different shades of green, but it doesn't really matter too much. The 1.5 inch strips need to be at least 10 inches long. I cut mine about 11 inches to leave a little room for squaring up.

CUTTING/SEWING



Use the easy angle ruler with the 2.5 inch strips layered right sides together. Cut 4 HST units. While you still have your background strip handy, cut one extra 2.5 inch square.

Next layer the 1.5 inch strips right sides together and sew. During the same trip to the machine, you can go ahead and sew your HST units together along the long side of the paired triangles. Press toward the green in both cases and trim the dog ears from your HST units.



Next, square off one end of your 1.5 inch strip set, which should be 2.5 inches wide now. Double check and then sub-cut 4 2.5 inch squares.

From here it is just a regular old nine patch. The corners are HST units with the dark pointed toward the light center. The sides also have the dark fabric facing the center. Round all that out with your 2.5 inch background square right in the middle of everything and you are all ready to sew.

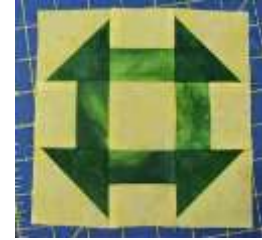




A note on pressing. I find the block presses best when the seams go away from the triangles as much as possible. Take a peek at how that looks from the back. All nice and flat and neat. Tada!

FINISHING

Here is the same block from the front. The center seems large and light to me. It would be nice with a light green worked in or even a tiny string block.



Go ahead and add the star points. The [tutorial for those is found here](#). This is the last of the green blocks for this month. Lighter shades will come out to play later though, so don't worry if you aren't out quite yet.

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