

Bright Happy Colors

Dancing Double Cross is our quilt for this month. This is the largest project so far, but it is so easy to piece. Just look at those large multi-colored borders! The triangles and squares in the blocks take their color cues from that multi-print. And you learned a quick way to piece rows of squares in the March newsletter. (Be sure to pick yours up from your participating quilt shop if you don't have it.) There are five fabrics in this quilt - but don't feel that you have to to copy mine exactly. Let your quilt shop help you with your own personal palette of colors and fabrics.

Are you unsure of how to select fabrics for your quilt projects? Believe it or not, I am too. Honest! But I find that if I have a great border print then half the job is done. I use those colors to select the fabrics I need for my blocks.

Dancing Double Cross uses a spacer strip between the quilt center and the outer checked units. This makes for easy math when figuring out the size of the squares. Ask your quilt shop to explain what a spacer strip (or compensating strip) is and how to figure one out.

I would love to see the quilts you make from my patterns. Send a small jpg to kratovil@his.com.

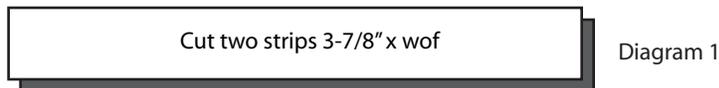
Don't forget that you can find the list of all the Quilt Block a Day Calendar blocks by SIZE at my web site. It's a two page pdf which is free for downloading: <http://www.quilterbydesign.com/Block-a-Day-Size.pdf>

What's happening at my blog & web site?

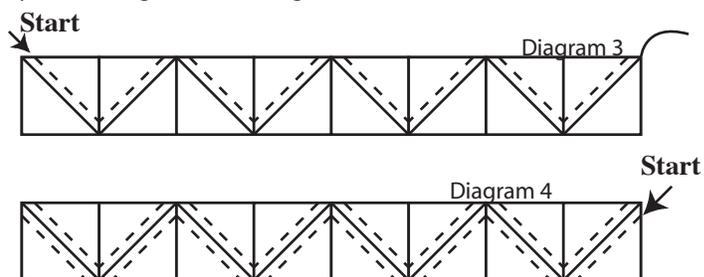
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Quick stitch the triangles



Step 2. Draw a vertical line every 3-7/8" on the wrong side of the lighter fabric. Continue to the end of the strip length. See Diagram 2. Now draw a diagonal line from corner to corner of the "squares" drawn on the fabric, zig-zagging along the length of fabric as you can see below. This will be your center guide for sewing.



Step 3. Beginning at one end, stitch 1/4" away from the zig-zag line as shown. Go the entire length of the fabric strip (Diagram 3). When you come to the end, turn the fabric strips around and go in the opposite direction as shown in Diagram 4. Again, stitch 1/4" away from the drawn diagonal line.



Step 4. Cut the units apart along the vertical lines as shown. Cut the units apart along the drawn diagonal lines to yield two half-square triangle units each. Press units open to form half-square triangles.

Ask your quilt shop for

- specialty rulers for making triangles
- specialty triangle papers (paper piecing technique)
- books to help you with color selection

Did you know?

- Dancing Double Cross is perfect for a lap quilt
- Any four 12" blocks can be used in the center