Northwest Quilters Block of the Month... A Color Wheel Tour 2011-2012 June 2012

All blocks will be 12 1/2" unfinished 12" finished

Note: Instructions for 1 block. If you are making one for the block lotto and one for yourself, you will need to double the cutting instructions.



We are doing a triad harmony in Yellow, red, and blue this month.

For the background ... White



Let's do a Blue Chains block!

A triad harmony is three colors that are equally spaced on the color wheel. This month we will use red, yellow and blue. (The primary colors... but don't let that keep you from using different tones or values in your block.) Background will be white. Use tone on tone prints, solids, batiks, if it reads like one of these colors.... Give it a chance. Remember to vary your values and textures.

Cut Fabric	Color	Cut	Cut
	White. background	Cut 1 strip 2 ½" x 27" (or 2 shorter strips, each 2 ½" wide) and 1 strip 2 ½" x 6"	Cut 2 5 " x 5 " squares
	blue	Cut 1 strip 2 1/2" x 21"	
	yellow	Cut 1 strip 2 1/2" x 6"	
	Red	Cut 2 5 " x 5 " squares	

Stitch the yellow 2 ½" x 6" strip to the background strip that is the same size along the long edges.

Press towards the darker fabric.

Subcut this into 2 units which now measure 4 ½" x 2 ½"

Make 2

Strip piece the blue and white strips together in the same way you just did the yellow and white. Press towards the darker fabric. Sub cut the strip unit to make eight 2 ½" x 4 ½" units.	Make 8
Use one yellow unit and one blue unit to create a mixed 4 patch unit. Press seams. This measures 4 ½" x 4 ½" repeat to make 2	Make 2
 Using the remaining blue units, stitch 3 more four patch units that will each measure 4 1/2" square	Make 3
Using I red square and I white square, place right sides together. Draw a line from one corner to the other on the lighter fabric's backside.	
Stitch ¼" away from the drawn line on both sides. Cut on the drawn line and press towards the red triangles. Trim to 4 ½" square. Repeat	Make 4
Now it's time to lay your units out like the block on the right And stitch together in rows. Press seams towards the 4 patch blocks. Then stitch rows together. Press. Square to 12 1/2".	

Remember to make one for the block lotto and one for yourself! Have fun! See you at the meeting!

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