

Getting Started on the Center Medallion

For our first month, you will need to decide what main color you would like to work with. We will also be working with the complementary color to the one you chose. You will need a light and dark of both your main color and the complementary color. (I chose pink as my first color and green is a complement of that color. I will be using black as my background.

Use the coloring chart and the letters below to decide where to place your colors.

Cutting instructions:

Background fabric:[A] 16-4" squares, 12-3" squares

Chosen color: Light: [I] 12- 4" squares / Dark: [K]12- 4" squares

Complementary color: Light: [J] 4- 4" squares Dark: [M] 4-4"squares

Construction notes (see page 7 of instructions):

Note 1: I used 4" squares instead of 3-1/2" squares so we can trim them down after half square triangle construction. Make the half-square triangles as it states on page 7 of the instructions and trim them down to 3-inch squares.

Note 2: Instead of making the quadrants, I laid them out and joined them in rows as per my coloring page. When all 8 rows were joined, I pressed them in opposite directions (rows 1,3,5 & 7 press to the left and rows 2,4,6 & 8 pressed to the right). After joining the rows together, I the pressed those seams open.

Other helpful info:

1. I used my phone's camera to take a picture before joining any half square triangles. This enabled me to see if anything wasn't quite laid out right.
2. If you don't have a color wheel, you can type the question in to the computer or your phone asking, "what is the complementary color for (whatever color you pick)?"
3. As far as background fabric, you can use different fabrics with the same color family and value (light to dark) instead of a single fabric throughout the quilt. An example of this would be multiple white on whites or low volume prints.

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