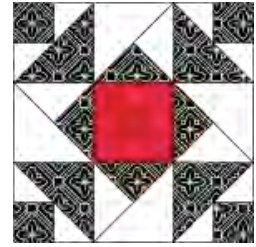


AUNT DINAH

Block of the Month
June 2008



This, like our other BOM's so far this year, will result in a 12-1/2" unfinished square, if sewn carefully. You might want to refer to the Tips Toward Precision Sewing before you get started; consistency in sewing the seams 1/4" wide becomes especially important in a block with so many seams. This is considered by many to be a Beginner-level block.

For our colors this month, let's use red, black and white/off-white, either solids or prints, as you choose. It will be important to keep track of which triangles are which!

CUT:

Red: one 4-1/2" square for the center

Black: one 5-1/4" square, cut twice diagonally to make four quarter-square triangles
two 4-7/8" squares, cut once diagonally to make four half-square triangles
four 2-1/2" squares

White: one 5-1/4" square, cut twice diagonally to make four quarter-square triangles
two 4-7/8" squares, cut once diagonally to make four half-square triangles
four 2-7/8" squares, cut once diagonally to make eight small half-square triangles

PIECE THE BLOCK, USING 1/4" seams throughout:

1. Each corner unit uses one 2-1/2" black square, two white small half-square triangles, and a black half-square triangle.

a. Sew together the black 2-1/2" square and the two white small half-square triangles; add the black half-square triangle to complete the corner unit, as shown. Press each seam as you go, toward the black side.



b. Make four of these corner units altogether. Each should measure 4-1/2" square.



2. Each side unit uses one black quarter-square triangle, one white small half-square triangle, and one white half-square triangle.

a. Sew together the black quarter-square triangle and the white small half-square triangle; press the seam toward the black side. Add the white half-square triangle to complete the side unit, as shown. Press the seam toward the black side.

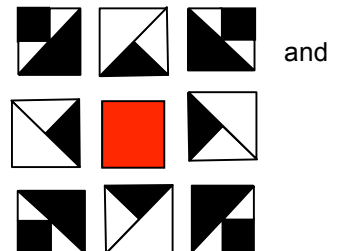


b. Make four of these side units altogether, making sure each measures 4-1/2" square.



(Does this look familiar?)

3. Using the red square in the middle, assemble three rows as shown. For the center row, press the seams toward the red square. For the top bottom rows, press the seams toward the corner units.



Sew the three rows together, to see your completed Aunt Dinah block!