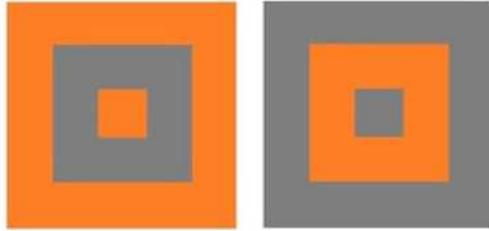
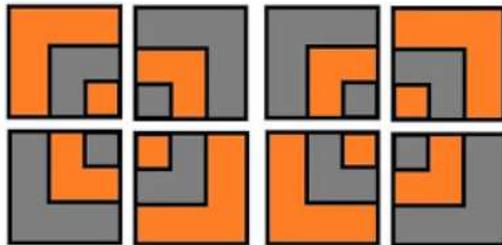


AMISH BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS



The overall concept is really quite simple. Piece two the same size blocks in the manner of a *square in a square* block layout. Reverse the fabric/color combination in the second block.



From a light and dark fabric, cut a 5" strip WOF and subcut.

For Each Amish Box Parent Block A, cut:

- Fabric 1: (1) 5" x 5" square (dark)
- Fabric 1: (2) 2-1/2" x 9" strips (dark)
- Fabric 1: (2) 2-1/2" x 13" strips (dark)
- Fabric 3: (2) 2-1/2" x 5" strips (light)
- Fabric 3: (2) 2-1/2" x 9" strips (light)

For Each Amish Block Parent Block B, cut:

- Fabric 3: (1) 5" x 5" square (light)
- Fabric 3: (2) 2-1/2" x 9" strips (light)
- Fabric 3: (2) 2-1/2" x 13" strips (light)
- Fabric 2: (2) 2-1/2" x 5" strips (dark)
- Fabric 2: (2) 2-1/2" x 9" strips (dark)

Sew all seams with a quarter inch seam allowance and press thoroughly (but carefully) after each step.

Parent 'A' Amish Box quilt blocks begin with a 5" x 5" dark center square. Light strips are sewn to sides of the square first, and then dark strips are added.

1. Sew a 2-1/2" x 5" Fabric 3 (light) strip to opposite sides of the large Fabric 1 (dark) square. Press seam allowances towards the square.
2. Sew a 2-1/2" x 9" Fabric 3 (light) strip to the remaining two sides of the dark center square. Press seam allowances towards the light strips.
3. Sew a 2-1/2" x 9" Fabric 1 (dark) strip to opposite sides of the partial block. I like the symmetry that occurs when these strips are added to the edges of the block where the first two (5" long light) strips were sewn, but position doesn't really matter. Press seam allowances towards the new strips.
4. Sew a 2-1/2" x 13" Fabric 1 (dark) strip to the remaining sides of the quilt block. Press seam allowances towards the new strips.
5. The quilt block should measure 13" x 13".

Parent "B" block is sewn in exactly the same way as the "A" block, but with fabrics in reversed positions.

Divide each parent block into quarters by dividing it once horizontally and once vertically. Each block quarter should measure 6-1/2" square. Arrange the blocks by swapping the top right and bottom left quarters and sewing together like a 4 patch, as shown in the diagram above. Each block should measure 12-1/2".

DIRECTIONS FOR ONE BLOCK:

Cut four 2.1/2" strips from each fabric. From each strip cut four 2.1/2" squares, four 4.1/2" by 2.1/2" rectangles and two 6.1/2" by 2.1/2" rectangles. One strip each of light and dark fabric will make one full quilt block. They are made in quarters and then the quarter blocks can be mixed up to create full blocks.

Quarter block pieces



Second layout for the quarter block

To make the block on the left, place a light square in the corner. Add a dark square above it and a dark 4.1/2" strip down the left hand side. Add a 4.1/2" light strip across the top and a 6.1/2" light strip down the left hand side. The block on the right is made in the same way but with the light and dark fabrics reversed.



Completed quarter blocks

From each pair of strips make two quarter blocks with dark centers and two quarter blocks with light centers.