

October Handout

Tips Tools & Techniques Club

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Bird Block Pattern:

tinyurl.com/MJBirdBlock (pay attention to upper case)

9 minute Cloth Napkin Tutorial:

tinyurl.com/MJnapkins (pay attention to upper case)

Tips:

- these do not have to be square, they can be rectangles
- once you know where 1" is on your machine, you won't need to mark the lines ahead of time
- you don't have to prewash the yardage, the napkins will shrink up nicely afterward

Microwave Popcorn Bag

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A very simple bag made with cotton fabric and cotton thread. I've been on a popcorn binge lately so this bag fits the bill. Who do you know that needs one in their stocking this year?

Tip: wash and dry your yardage before cutting. You don't want any chemicals touching your food.

To make one bag, you will need:

- 2 rectangles of COTTON fabric, 12" x 22".
- COTTON thread, top and bobbin

Lay the two rectangles of fabric Right Sides Together, press together (so you won't need pins!) and sew a 1/4" seam all the way around except for a 4" side hole for turning.

Be sure your turning hole is on one of the long sides of the rectangle.

Tip: use 2 pins together where you want to finish sewing, and then start sewing 4" away. When you get to the 2 pins, that is your signal to stop sewing (so you don't close the turning hole accidentally)

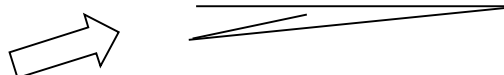
Clip the corners and turn Right Side Out. Fold in the turning hole and press.

Fold one short end in 3". Pin or clip the two sides.

Bring the other short end up to the fold, covering the 3".

Pin or clip again. Here is a side view:

Sew both sides from top to bottom.



Box the corners.

Flip right sides out...you're done!

Tip: if this will be a gift, enclose a card "Pour in 1/3 cup of popcorn. Place on a clean plate and then microwave _____ minutes". Your giftee can figure out how long it takes for their microwave and fill in a number. (If you don't place this on a clean plate, the cotton fabric might soak up oil on the microwave platter and burn.)



Christmas Nickels (pinwheels)

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This quilt is made with 2 matching packs of 5" squares (nickels). Using a 'stack-n-slash' method, these blocks go together super quick! Keep an eye on the important Notes below.



Fabric needed:

- 2 packs of the same 5" square fabric packs. Let's call these 'colored squares'.
- Light fabric(s): 3 yards
- Batting : don't forget to buy white batting if your light is very white
- Backing and binding fabrics: 4 yards

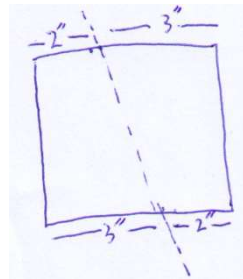
Cut the light fabric into 5" squares. The same number of squares as are in your nickel packs.

Note: it is important that all your fabrics are facing up before you side up when cut, this won't

do any more cutting. If the fabrics are wrong-work!

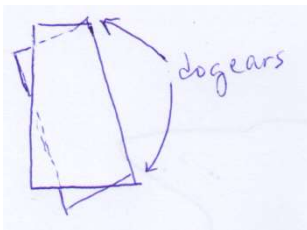
Stack up (carefully) 2 of the colored squares

Slash them in half like the diagram. It is helpful for this.



and 2 of the light squares.

to use the lines on your board



Pick up 1 colored half and one light half and **sew** them together on the slashed edge. Create little dog ears on the top and bottom before sewing. See diagram.

Press the seam as sewn, then open it up and press the seams toward the darker fabric.

The blocks will not be square, but wait to square them up. First sew them together in a 4-patch like the photo:

Measure some of the blocks to figure out how big you can cut them so they'll be square. **Cut** all the squares the same size.



Lay out the blocks in a pleasing way, sew them up, add a border or two and you're done with the top.

Note: Once you understand how this block goes together, you can make them any size!

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