

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – March 2009
“KIMONOS”

For April meeting

Hoorah for Robin Tilsworth who won 11 chain link blocks in February — no doubt you'll get them all chained together in no time!

The inspiration for this kimono block came from a Husqvarna ad in a 1996 'Quiltmaker' magazine. We've altered the sleeves and added some 3-D elements to the block. The lucky winner will only have sashing and a border to add and it will be ready to quilt and display in our quilt show!

Fabric requirements: Tone-on-tone white for the background; navy blue and white print for the kimono; any colour fabric for the collar and sash [obi].

Cutting directions:

Please note corrections to cutting dimensions in red.

Navy and white: 2— 2.0" x 4.5" (A)
1— 2.0" x 3.5" (B)
1— ~~3.4~~ x 5.5" (C)
3.5"

Collar: 1.0" x 1.5" (D)
Obi sash: 2.0" x 3.5" (E)
Obi 3-D tie: 3.5" x ~~2.5~~ (F)
2.25"

White-on-white background: 2—1.0" x 7.5" (bg 1)
2—1.0" x 4.5" (bg 2)

2— 2.5" x 4.5" (bg 3)
2— 1.25" x 1.25" squares

Sewing directions: [all seams are 1/4"]. Check diagram often for guidance.

1. Take one 1.25" square of white and place it, right sides together, in lower left corner of piece (A).
2. Sew on the diagonal from the top left corner to the bottom right corner.
3. Trim to a 1/4" seam allowance and press triangle to empty space.
4. Sew a strip of white (bg2) to the left side of this unit and press seam toward the white.
5. Sew a piece of white (bg3) to the bottom of the above unit and press seam downward.
6. Repeat steps 1-3 in lower right corner of second piece (A), sew on the diagonal from the top right corner to the lower left corner.
7. Sew the other piece of white (bg2) to the right hand side of this unit as in step 4.
8. Repeat step 5 for this unit.
9. Fold coloured piece (F) in half widthwise, right sides together, and sew the short side.
10. Finger press seam open, turn the tube right side out and press it with the seam centered.
11. Centre the top edge of piece (F) on the long side of piece (E) with the seam against the right side of piece (E) to get piece (EF).
12. Sew piece (B), right sides together, to the top of piece (EF).
- NB:** Piece (F) is longer than piece (E) is deep to get the 3-D effect — it will not lay flat.
13. Centre the bottom raw edge of piece (F) to the bottom edge of piece (EF) as in step 11.

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14. Sew piece (C) as in step 12 to the bottom of piece (EF) to complete the body.
15. Press both seams toward the obi sash and press the obi tie (which is wider than the sash), flat with equal amount of fabric above and below the sash.
16. Sew the unit from step 5 to the left hand side of the body from step 14.
17. Press seam toward the body of the kimono.
18. Sew the unit from step 8 to the right hand side of the body from step 14.
19. Repeat step 17.
20. Fold coloured piece (D) in half horizontally, wrong sides together and press.
21. Press down each corner at a 45° angle, from folded edge to raw edge, to shape the collar.
22. Centre the long raw edge of the collar, with the folded corners facing up, on the top of kimono unit and tack in place.
23. Sew white piece (bg1), with right sides together to the top of the kimono unit.
24. Press seam toward the navy kimono.
25. Sew the other piece (bg1) to the bottom of the kimono unit as in step 21.
26. Repeat step 24.

Your block is now complete and should measure 7 ½" x 9 ½" unfinished.

