

# Pieced Block presented at the January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting

(please bring completed blocks to the March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

## A Study in Contrasts Block

### Notes:

- This block uses 4 colors within a color scheme – a dark and light of the same main color, a contrasting color (i.e. directly opposite the main color on a color wheel), plus a white-on-white for the background.
- The sizes given in parentheses below can be used if you prefer to trim your half-square triangle (HST) units rather than worrying about sewing an accurate scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

### Fabric Requirements and Cutting:

- Background – Cut: 2 squares  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " (5" x 5") and 4 rectangles  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Dark Main – Cut 1 square  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and 8 squares  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Light Main – Cut 2 squares  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " (5" x 5")
- Contrasting Color – Cut 4 rectangles  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "



### Piecing Instructions:

1. Draw a diagonal line (corner to corner) on the wrong side of the White  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " (5" x 5") squares. This line will later be used as a cutting line. Mark a **scant**  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam line on each side of the cutting line as shown. ►
2. Lay the Light  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " (5" x 5") squares face up on your work surface and position the marked White  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " (5" x 5") right side down on top (right sides together).
3. Sew along the marked  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam lines then cut apart along the marked cutting line; press seams towards the Light fabric to form 2 Half-Square Triangle (HST) units as shown. ►  
*Note: If you were using 5" x 5" squares, trim each HST unit to exactly  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".*
4. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 8 Dark Main  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and place one right side down on the left side of each White  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. ►
5. Sew on the marked line then cut away the excess from the corner and press seam towards the Dark fabric.
6. Lay the remaining Dark  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " marked squares right side down on the other side of the Step 4 units as shown. ►
7. Sew on the marked line then cut away the excess from the corner and press seams towards the Dark fabric to create 4 Flying Geese Units then sew a Contrasting  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to each Flying Geese unit as shown. ►  
Press to contrasting fabric.
8. Arrange the Step 2 to HST units and the Flying Geese units into 3 rows as shown below right then sew the units in each row together. Press top and bottom rows outward and middle row seams inward.
9. Sew the rows together to complete the block.  
*Note: Your assembled block should now measure exactly  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Do not trim your block! Thank You!*

