



Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

December Block of the Month

Due January 2, 2013

Jensen's Folly



We've had a lot of fun with the Block of the Month this year. With the theme of "Never Enough Nine Patch," we should all be comfortable now with Half Square Triangles (HST) and Flying Geese (FG).

For our final Block of the Month for 2013, I present to you "Jensen's Folly."

This block may come as a bit of a challenge. It's a combination of the HST's and FG's we've been working with all year, but added into the mix is a paper pieced (foundation) center. Consider this a transition block between the 9-patch blocks for 2013 and next year's Block of the Month theme ... "Good Foundations."

Our January Technique Sharing Workshop (TSW) will feature Phyllis Gallaway teaching paper piecing techniques. We hope you'll attend so you can learn all the tricks to this quick and accurate method of making intricate quilt blocks ... perfect points guaranteed.

Thanks so much to all of you who participated in Block of the Month 2013. We'll be asking those of you who have won blocks and made them into a quilt or a top to bring them in the first meeting of February to share with us and inspire others join the fun.

Unfinished block is 12-1/2" square; finished is 12".

If you need directions for making HST's or FG's, please refer to the July Block of the Month, "Summer Wind." You'll find instructions for both, with an FG tutorial on page 3.

Fabric:

Fabric #1: white tone on tone

A. 4 @ 2-1/2" squares

B. 3 @ approx. 6" sq. for HST and FG

C. 2" wide scraps for foundation block

Fabric #2: your choice for FG (purple in sample)

D. 2 @ approx. 6" sq. for FG

E. 2" wide scraps for foundation block

Fabric #3: your choice for HST (copper in sample)

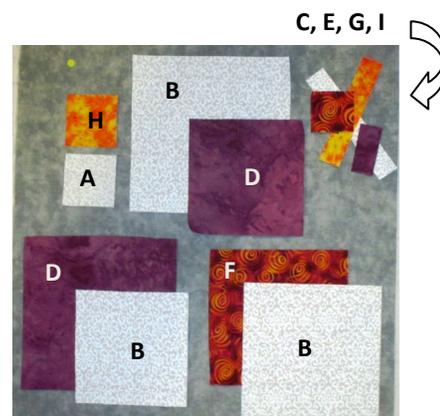
F. 1 @ approx. 6" sq. for HST

G. 1-1/2" sq. for foundation block

Fabric #4: your choice (orange in sample)

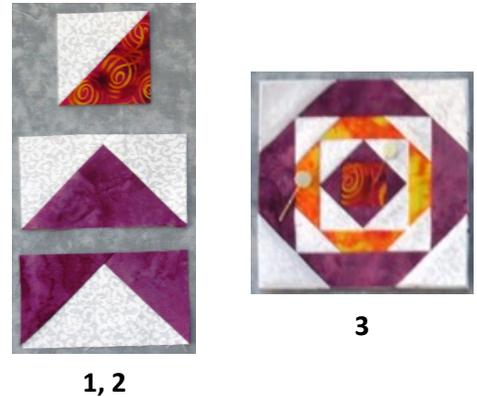
H. 4 @ 2-1/2" squares

I. 2" wide scraps for foundation block.



Patch Assembly

1. Using your favorite method, create 8 HST's, 2-1/2" sq. unfinished, with fabrics #1 and #3.
2. Using your favorite method, create 8 FG's, 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" unfinished, with fabrics #1 and #2; 4 each in opposing color schemes.
3. Print out the pattern on page 3 of these directions to make the 4-1/2" square paper-pieced center for the block. Use fabric #G for the center; #E for A2-A5 and A18-A21; #I for A10-A13; and #C for the rest.
4. Layout the patches as shown.
5. Sew patches into 9 pieces as shown. Spiral seam intersections where possible to reduce bulk.
6. Sew into rows as shown.
7. Sew rows to finish the block.



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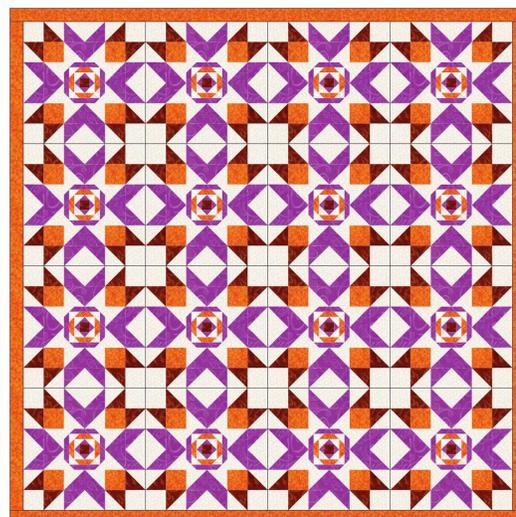


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As complex as this block may appear, it is made using the very basic methods we have worked with all year except for the foundation center. Put together in a quilt (below), they create a kaleidoscopic combination of secondary patterns.

Hope you have fun with this one, and look forward to 2014 as we explore

"Good Foundations"!

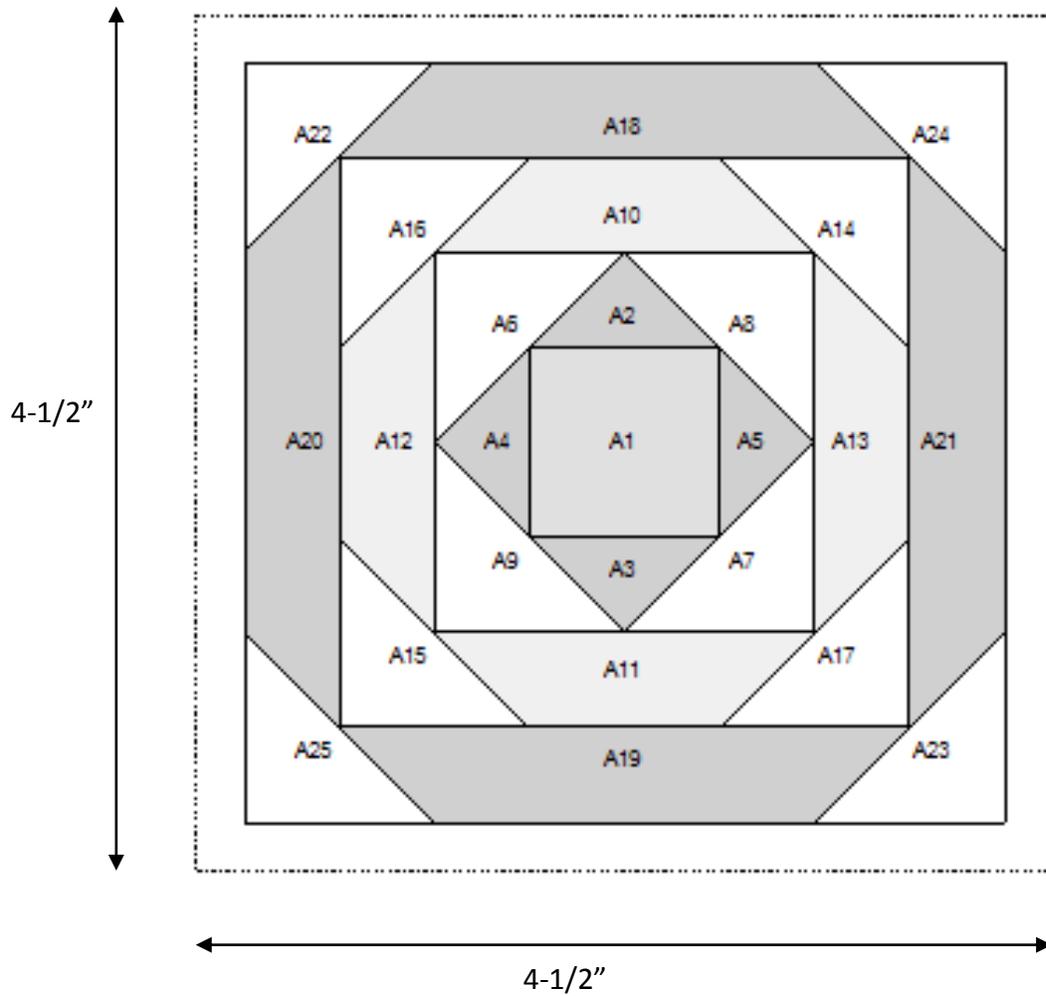


Jim Jensen and

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2013 Block of the
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Center patch for Jensen's Folly



When you print out this pattern, please verify that it measures 4-1/2" square from 1/4" seam dashed line to 1/4" seam dashed line. You may have to make adjustments depending on your printer.