December 2015 Black & White

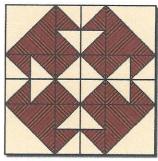








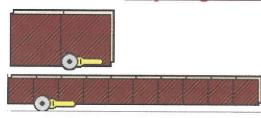




... Another block done traditionally in two colors. but be brave! Do it your way!!

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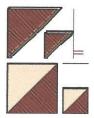
Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



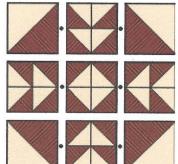
Stack your fabrics as shown, and using a rotary cutter, cut the fat strips into two 4-7/8" squares... and the thin strips into ten 2-7/8" squares.



Next, stack the resultant squares by size, and cut, again using the rotary cutter, on the diagonal., being careful not to stretch fabrics. You may need to cut a few stacks of the smaller squares rather then trying to cut them all at once.



Sewing with a scant 1/4 " seam...sew the large triangles together, again being careful not to stretch the fabric. Do the same with all of the smaller triangles. Press seams towards darker fabrics. Trim the smaller to 2-1/2" and the larger to 4-1/2" if needed...

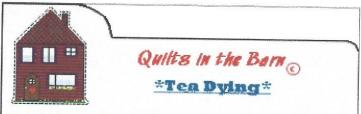


Simple as Pie!...take the sewn together triangles, and using scant 1/4" seams, put them together in this order! Again, press seams towards darker fabrics, and when piecing rows, alternate the direction of the pressing. Hey! Good Job! You've now made a "Double T" Block!!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!...and as ever ... Happy Quilting!!...Marcia:0)

Here's Karen's! Deb's! Marcia's! Stacy's! Mary's! Gwen's!

Double T - Page 2 On the Subject of "T"...here's a craft tip for you!!



This is fun and easy! Take boiling weter and pour it over several tea bags in a large pot; let this steep to make a strong tea solution. After it has cooled a bit, add fabrics, and let soak. You may want to take it out now and again to see how dark it is getting...letting the fabric dry between soaks will give you the best idea of that! When you have the color you want, soak in a setting solution, made of 1/2 Cup white vinegar in 1 gallon of cold water.

"Extra info!...there are some who feel that fabrics you will want to last forever should NOT be tea dyed, as the tannic acid naturally in tea, they feel, will destroy the fabric over time. I have not in my personal experience seen this happen!

Happy Tea Dying!!

** Supplies List **

Color Color 1 needs: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 28-3/4" strip

Color Color 2 needs: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 28-3/4"strip

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