

Additional info for February Saturday Sampler blocks

“Free form” piecing is often a characteristic of contemporary quilting. A very simple example of free form piecing is a technique involving randomly slashing a piece of fabric and inserting a strip of a contrasting fabric between the cut edges. Often, these pieces are roughly cut to shape and then cut to the exact size after the insertion is completed.

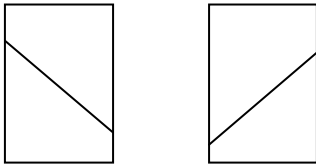
For this month’s block you are encouraged to design your own block by inserting fabrics into the black and white rectangles which make up the center of this month’s block.

Here are a few things to think about!

Keep the inserted strips in scale with the size of the final patch size. Our rectangles are rather small. The finished size is only 3” x 5”. The color strips which are inserted should not overwhelm the blocks. That is why I recommended inserting horizontal strips of color no wider than 1 ½” finished. Vertical or diagonal strips might be better if they are narrower.

The basic block is very graphic and symmetric. When adding the strips of color play with asymmetries and mirror images. In my blocks I pieced the both black pieces the same way and made the white pieces mirror images of the black ones.

If you are slashing your rectangles on the diagonal, to create the pattern show below, the cuts had to be made in opposite directions on the black and white fabrics!



Have fun!

