Block of the Month – February 2011
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Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will sew up as 12” blocks (12 ½” unfinished).
We suggest that you make an extra block in your favorite colors to keep. At the end of the year, you’ll have enough blocks for your own sampler quilt.

I Love Burnham Square

Fabrics: Choose one white-on-white pattern or solid, one medium-to-dark purple solid or print, and an accent color that works with your center. Your center will be heart-themed (print fabric or fussy cut or appliqué or pieced – your choice). Please use pre-washed cotton

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows:
(2) white squares and (2) purple squares 3 7/8” then cut once on diagonal to make (4) triangles of EACH color
(8) white and (4) purple rectangles 1 ½” x 6 ½” [or strip-piece C+D+C by cutting 1 ½” x WOF (width of fabric) and then cutting into 6 ½” segments]
(4) purple 2” squares
(4) accent 2 3/8” squares, cut once on diagonal to make (8) triangles
(1) purple 4 1/4” square, cut on both diagonals to make (4) triangles
The center should be fussy cut from fabric showing hearts. Cut 1 3 1/2” square. Or make a pieced heart 3 1/2” x 3 1/2” square. Or appliqué a heart on a 3 1/2” square background.

Assembly:
1. It is very important to measure and cut the component parts to the correct size before proceeding to the next step. The components are:
   - A+B to make 4 corner pieces of half-square triangles, trimmed to 3 1/2” square
   - C+D+C make 4 rectangles 3 1/2” x 6 1/2”
   - F+G+F make 4 flying geese units. Trim to 2”x 3 1/2” rectangles. Join the F’s to the G properly, so you’ll have a seam allowance left at the point of the flying geese.
2. Now join A/B to CDC to A/B (make 2)
3. Join E to short ends of FGF to E (make 2). Make sure to place points correctly to make star points.
4. Join FGF to H to FGF (this is row 3, the center square with side points)
5. Join row 2 to center square unit and row 4 to the other side of center square unit.
6. Join a CDC unit to each side of the center square unit.
7. Now add row 5 and you’re done! If you’ve sewn your seams at a scant 1/4” and trimmed at each stage, you’ll be rewarded by how well everything fits together!

Quick Tip: The block has a lot of pieces, but it goes together easily if you attend to the details. It’s going to make a smashing quilt!!!