Block of the Month ~ May 2013 ~ Scrap Stacks
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Block is 9” finished.

Many of us are about to begin Spring cleaning. Most years, I don’t go through all my fabric, but this year I am, and oh! the scraps I’m finding! Best of all, I’m in the mood to use them up. Please join me in reducing accumulated stash and we’ll make some mighty fine, very simple quilts in May!

Fabric:

Select 7 different fabrics from one color family. I’ve chosen browns/rusts/ and red-browns. At our April meeting we’ll show you several different stacks in different colors.

Choose four fabrics for A B C and D

CUT: one A: 5” x 2 3/4”; one B: 5” x 2 3/4”; one C: 5” x 2 3/4”; one D: 5” x 2 3/4”

Choose three different fabrics for E F and G

CUT: one E: 5” x 3 1/2”; one F: 5” x 3 1/2”; and one G: 5” x 3 1/2”

For guidance, see sewing diagrams.

Sew A B C and D together in a stack. Sew E F and G together in another stack.

Press seams in one direction on both pieces. Sew the ABCD stack side by side to the EFG stack. Press center seam to one side. Square up the block to 9 ½”.

Voila! That’s all there is to it. You’re finished with one block! Choose another color family and repeat the exercise. This block took less than 15 minutes to sew together. There are no corners to match. Make several in different colors and enter the May drawing.

Hint: To make a stunning simple lap-quilt, sew 9” stacks together until you’ve got 72” worth (8 blocks). Make another 72” stack and sew the two together with 7 1/2” sashing. Make another until you’ve got a quilt top. Before you know it, you’ll have an ample lap-quilt top 57”x 72”, AND room in your sewing room to buy some new fabrics.

BOM Basics:

Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.

Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.

If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).

If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Please allow adequate time for the blocks to arrive before the Saturday drawing.

To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+). Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.