

MODERN ART QUILTERS

Tutor Box Number 10

Straight Crosses

These are fun, very quick, and rather addictive.

And, because they are trimmed to size, very good for multi-maker quilts and for those of us who are not good at precise seam allowances...

For 4-inch finished blocks

Cut a 5-inch square

Cut two strips at least 1 inch by 5-1/2 inches, maybe 1-1/2 inches by 5-1/2 inches if you want fatter crosses



Cut the square, with a ruler, from one side to the opposite side, a little wonky

Sew the first strip into the gap, and press (towards the darker colour, or one way, or as you please)

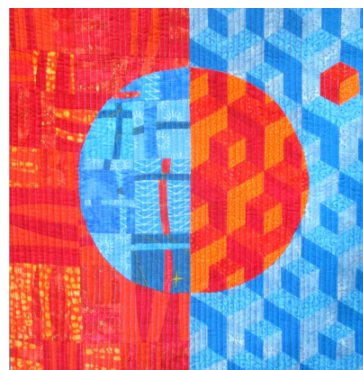
Turn the square a quarter turn and cut again, also a little wonky. Set the second strip as the first, and press again.

Lay the squares (when all are made) on your mat, and trim to 4-1/2 inches (if they come out too small, trim smaller, or start with a slightly bigger square at the beginning)

Nice in patterned, plain, batik, woven, and hand-dyes, of course. Make some with lots of contrast, and some with little, for a more interesting quilt. Make the crosses with a strip cut sideways?

For bigger blocks - Start with a 6-inch square and trim to 5-1/2 inches for 5 inch finished blocks

Start with a 7-inch square and trim to 6-1/2 inches for 6-inch finished blocks



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And, of course, you can make rectangles, too.. Mix the sizes in your quilt?
And so on...



Teaching notes - nothing hard about these. Make sure students have a good blade and a small mat next to the machine, and that they trim accurately...

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