

Modern Art Quilters

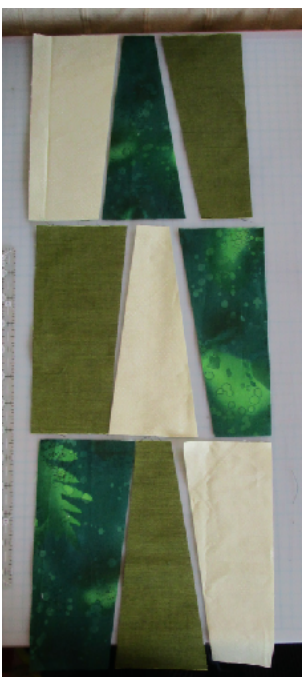
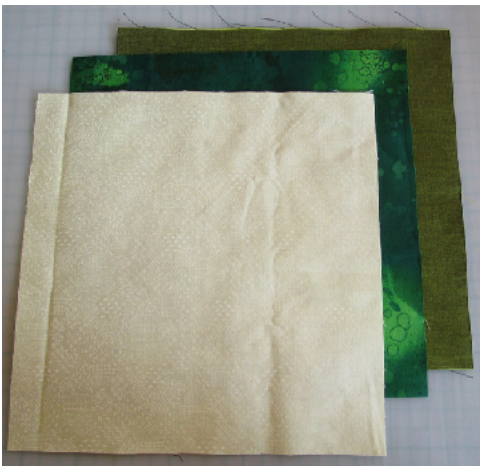
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Three In One

Finished block size - 6 inches

Blocks are made in sets of three

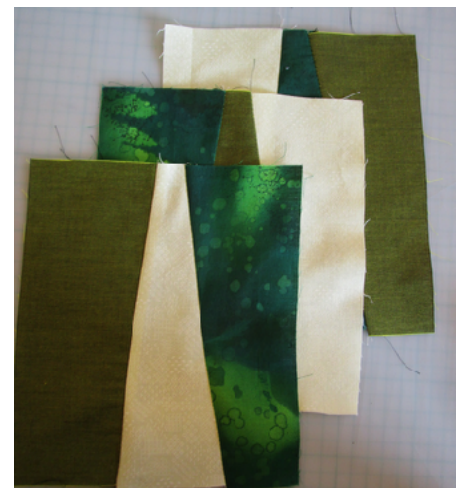
Start by cutting three squares of cotton fabric - one each of dark, medium, and light will work well. I wanted to make 6-inch blocks finished (6-1/2 inch before sewing together) and started with 8-inch squares. Make one set and check they are coming out large enough - if too small your seam allowances are a bit generous...

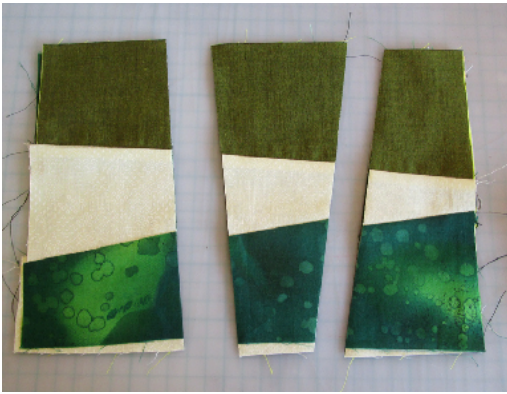


Lay these on your mat exactly on top of each other and Right Sides UP and cut, with a ruler, into three pieces. The working samples are shown with angled cuts, see top and below for a more straight-line version.

Rearrange the pieces as shown and sew the blocks back together using 1/4 inch seams

Press the seams to one side (note, you may need to re-press some seams when doing the next part)





Turn the blocks sideways and stack them again, matching as closely as possible. Cut, as before, re-arrange, as before, and stitch (pressing any lumpy seams away from each other) - you get the idea? The seams will not match exactly.

Press your blocks, and trim - lay your square ruler on top and trim two sides, then turn the whole thing round and trim to the final size.



Make lots more....

If you cut the blocks parallel to the sides you get a nicely irrational 9-patch, like so...



I set the blocks with plain ones in between, as it was a bit busy otherwise...

And here's a version with sashings - these were cut 6-1/2 inches by 2 inches, and cornerstones, 2 inches square..



This pattern devised and this worksheet was written by Helen Howes

These instructions can be copied as much as you like and passed along; but please do not alter them in any way when doing this. Modern Art Quilters are keen on passing on the skills we all have to the next generations of sewists, in the knowledge that this is both satisfying and compulsive to a degree..

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