

Modern Art Quilters

Tutor Box Number 17

Hollow Boxes

Use 1/4 inch seams throughout. All seams are made by putting the right sides of the fabrics together and sewing 1/4 inch from the edge

For one 4-1/2 inch finished block you need
Background fabric - three 2 inch squares
Dark fabric - one 2 inch square and one 2-inch by 3-1/2 inch piece
Light fabric - one 2-inch by 3-1/2 inch piece and one 2 inch by 5 inch piece
Sample is green...

Sew one background 2-inch square to a dark 2-inch square and press open or to the dark side

Put the two pieces you have joined right-side up with the dark square at the bottom. Add the other dark piece to the left side and the 2-inch by 3-1/2 inch light fabric piece to the right side. Press outwards. When making more than one block be very careful to keep them all the same way round for best results.

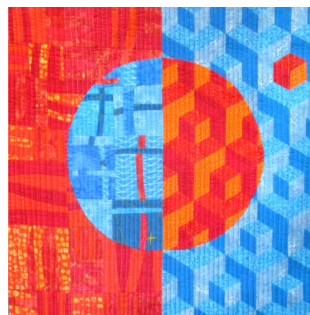
Add the remaining light piece to the top edge and press outwards again

Take the remaining two small background squares and draw a diagonal line on the BACK from corner to corner. Set these RS together at the top left and bottom right, matching the corners nicely. Sew along the pencil lines and press the corners outwards. Trim off the excess fabric underneath leaving 1/4 inch. Check the block is square and that it measures 5 inches (- if you have a mismatch you may need to make your seam allowances bigger (block too large) or smaller (block too small))

Set with sashing strips or edge to edge as desired
I set the green one with 2-1/2 inch sashings

For 6 inch finished blocks (sample in blue), you need

Background fabric - three 2-1/2 inch squares
Dark fabric - one 2-1/2 inch square and one 2-1/2 —inch by 4-1/2 inch piece
Light fabric - one 2-1/2-inch by 4-1/2 inch piece and one 2-1/2 inch by 6-1/2 inch piece
Blocks will measure 6-1/2 inches before setting
I set this one with 1-1/2 inch sashings in the background colour



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For 9 inch finished blocks (sample in red), you need

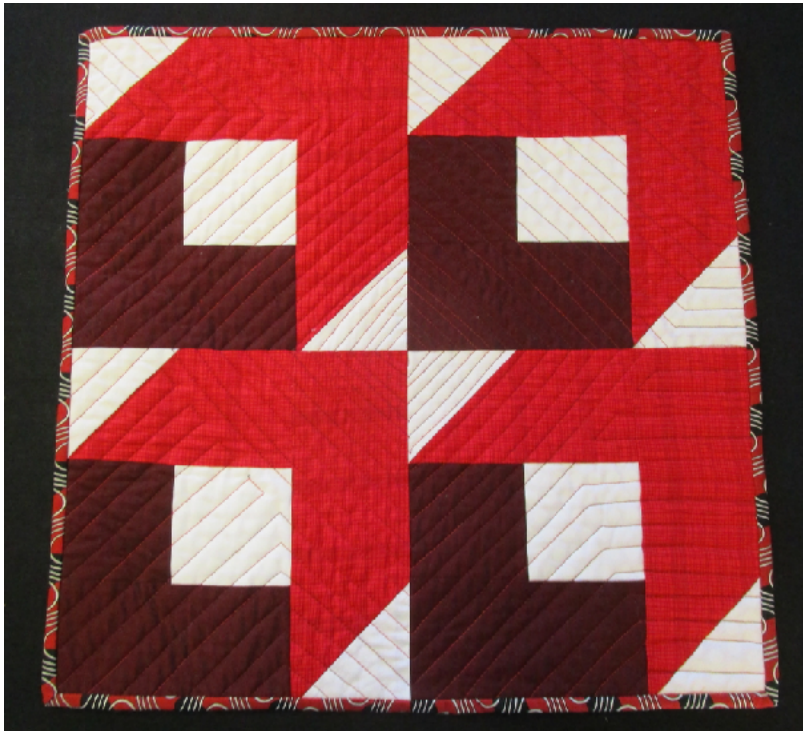
Background fabric - three 3-1/2 inch squares

Dark fabric - one 3-1/2 inch square and one 3-1/2—inch by 6-1/2 inch piece

Light fabric - one 3-1/2-inch by 6-1/2 inch piece and one 2-1/2 inch by 9-1/2 inch piece

Blocks will measure 9-1/2 inches before setting

I set these blocks together without sashings



This pattern was developed by Heather Hasthorpe 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..

Helen Howes 2018