

It's a String Thing! Block of the Month for October 2012

October block - - - A split diagonal... yellow and gold on one half, and oranges and rusts on the other.

String piecing is addicting and fun. See the basic tutorial on the web, or ask Denise for a printed copy.

Cut foundation paper at **9" square**



Cut accent strip: no accent strip this month

All other strings:

Side 1: yellows and golds

Side 2: oranges and rusts

After pressing, trim your square to **8 ½ " square**. *Make sure that the center seam where the yellow and orange meet is centered on the diagonal before trimming!*

Make 4 for 1 set to exchange at the meeting.

Basics and hints:

- Use a larger needle (14 or 16)
- Shorten your stitch length
- Draw a line down the diagonal of your square, and center the white strip on it before stitching
- Press your seams as you go to keep your blocks from curling and getting wonky
- 4 blocks make a set.... for every 4 blocks your name goes in one time.
- Try to use enough variety of strings that you don't repeat within each foundation.
- Your blocks **do not** have to be identical or matched sets.... The scrappier the better
- A little starch or "best press" will help control any stretching after the paper is removed.

Possible setting ideas for this block:

- Form a zig zag pattern by rotating every other block
- Cut in half across the strings.... And piece with a solid triangle to form a pinwheel block

Have fun! I stitched all four of my blocks in about 2 hours, and that included cutting the foundation papers and removing the papers and trimming my blocks.

See you at the October meeting! If you have any questions, please call me or send me an email.

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