

## It's a String Thing! Block of the Month for January 2013

### January block - - - Horizontal pinks, whites and reds

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



Cut foundation paper at **7" square**

There is **NO** accent strip

All other strings: **Pinks, White and Red**

After pressing, trim your square to **6 ½" square**.

**Make 4 for 1 set to exchange at the meeting.**

### Basics and Hints:

- Use a larger needle (14 or 16)
- Shorten your stitch length
- 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.
- Vary the width of your strings for more movement and texture in your blocks
- Blocks within each set **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:

- Use them as a "piano key" border

- Use as alternate blocks
- Stich into 4 patches rotating each sub block

Have fun! I stitched all four of my blocks in about 1 ½ hours, and that included cutting the foundation papers and removing the papers and trimming my blocks.

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

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