

Xquisite Scrap Quilt

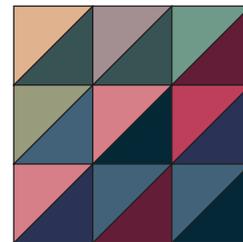
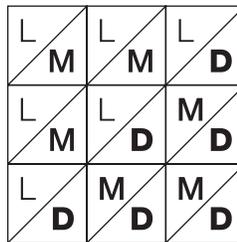
LESSON **2** OF 4

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HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLES

Using the traditional method for making Half-Square Triangles, we will sew Nine-Patch blocks using light/medium, light/dark, and medium/dark combinations of HSTs using Bonnie's method for creating the half-light and half-dark blocks. Today is a sewing day – don't be matchy-matchy in choosing fabrics to sew together. All colors work in this quilt!

We will use this diagram for sewing the HSTs.



We need three sets of L/M, three sets of L/D, and three sets of M/D. Choose 6 lights, 6 mediums, and 6 darks.

Match one light with one medium and sew on one side of the drawn line; do not cut the squares apart. Continue sewing the other two sets of L/M. Add on three sets of L/D and three sets of M/D. You should have 9 sets of squares all sewn in a chain. Turn the chain around and sew down the other side of the drawn line.

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Continue sewing chains of the squares to make more blocks. Each set of squares will make two blocks. We need 48 blocks to make a quilt the size of the sample. That means you need to sew together 24 sets of the squares to make 48 blocks. If you want to make the quilt larger, you can add more blocks.

Let's cut one chain of the sewn squares apart. First, we will cut the squares apart, and then we will cut on the drawn line. As you cut, make two piles.

Pressing the HSTs: Set the stitching line with the iron, then press the HSTs with the seam allowance toward the darker fabric. If you pick up the darker fabric, set the corners, then press with the grain of the fabric; the pressing will go quickly. Keep the HSTs for each block together.

In Lesson #3 next week, we will sew the blocks together.

