

Community Quilts Block Drive – December 2023 to March 2024

Zipper Block Kits available at December meeting

We will have a number of block kits available if members wish to make a block or several for the next block drive. We will be making Zipper blocks, which are a fun, quick and easy block to put together. Pick up a kit or make your own! For this block drive, anything goes, except please no juvenile prints.

Each block requires:

2 strips – 2 ½" x 12 ½" print

1 strip – 2 ½" x 16" **print** (*minimum 15", it will be trimmed into 3 - 5" sections) (show as blue)

1 strip - 2 ½" x 16" **solid** (*minimum 15", it will be trimmed into 3 - 5" sections) (shown as yellow)

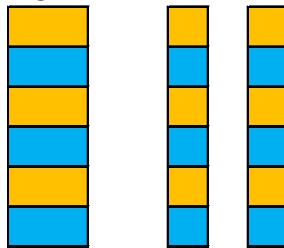
Pair the print 16" strip and the solid 16" strip and sew together along the long edges. Press towards the darker fabric.



Now take your strips and cross-cut them into three sections, each a minimum of 5" long. (This is the length required for your final piece, but if you have extra, just cut them a little longer and you can trim off the excess after the next step.)



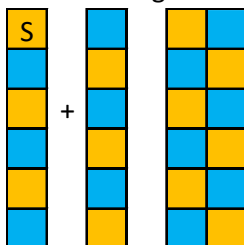
Sew the three strips together, alternating print and background colors as shown above. Press seams towards the print fabric. Trim one end straight.



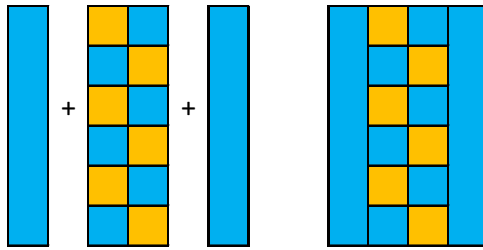
Now cross-cut the piece into two 2 ½" wide strips as shown above.

Now take the two strips and **make sure the solid square is in the upper left corner** (marked with S).

Reverse the one on the right so the blocks form a checkerboard pattern. Sew the two together along the long edge, matching the seams carefully. Press the long seam to one side.



Sew a 12 1/2" **print** strip to each long side of your checkerboard blocks.



Press the seams to the same side as the centre checkerboard seam, so they are all pressed to the left side or the right side of the block. We can then turn the blocks around as they are joined and all seams will nest. **The block should measure 8 ½" x 12 ½" unfinished.** Voila! Wasn't that fun?

Here's the inspiration for this block/top, although our measurements make a larger block:

<https://kleinmeisjequilt.blogspot.com/2017/01/zip-top-completed.html>

Since we don't have in-person meetings in January and February, the blocks can be handed in at one of the Sew Days (to Kat, Tracy H or Bonny), or dropped off at Kat's home or they can wait until the next in-person meeting in March.

As always, sewing for community quilts is completely optional but always appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit.

~Kat P. & Lois P.