

Common Threads Quilt Guild – Mystery Quilt 2015 -- What’s Old is New “Again and Again”

ROUND #4 – CHEVRONS

CHEVRONS (Full & Queen Only)

Well, you have made it to Round #4! This month’s block is for the Full & Queen size only. So if you are making the Wall or Couch Quilt, you have the month off to catch up on previous blocks. However, you might want to try out this technique.

There is a ton of chevron material out there now; in a vast range of sizes and color combinations. So you may never need to piece chevrons. But should you find that you want chevrons made from material you already have, you can adapt this block to future projects.

****MYSTERY CHALLENGE**** After next month’s session, you will have all the blocks & pieces you will need to make your quilt. If you think you know how the quilt will be put together, sketch it out or take a picture of your block layout – AND BRING IT TO JUNE’S GUILD MEETING. It will be fun to see what you come up with. I will demo and hand out the actual quilt top assembly instructions in June.

****BIG REVEAL**** We are planning on having the “Big Reveal” in August. We will announce when you should bring your quilt top or finished quilt for a Special Show and Tell. There will be awards and prizes for all participants

Fabric Selection for Chevrons:



Chevron Fabrics: The chevron is made from strip sets using Fabric C (Light) and three (3) of your medium fabrics (Fabric D, E, F, & G). The fabric yardages & instructions use D, E & F. But if you have more of G or another substitute fabric, feel free to use them in some of the strip sets. Likewise, you can use a substitute of Fabric C for some or all of the strip sets.

Step #		Wall	Couch	Double 84” x 102”	Queen/King 102”x102”
	Unit I – Chevron Strip Sets	NA	NA		
Note:	Chevrons are made from two (2) MIRROR IMAGE strip sets. Sometimes only one of the strip set is shown; but there are ALWAYS two mirror image strip sets. The odd strip will be cut in half to make two mirror image strip sets (just shorter).				




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I.1	Cut the following strips from WOF. If you only have half of a WOF (like a fat quarter), cut twice as many Strip 1 – Fabric C – 4 ½" - LIGHT			9 WOF strips	11 WOF strips
I.2	Strip 2 – Fabric D – 2 ½" – MEDIUM - lighter Strip 3 – Fabric E – 2 ½" – MEDIUM – next darkest Strip 4 – Fabric F – 2 ½" - MEDIUM - darkest			9 WOF strips 9 WOF strips 9 WOF strips	11 WOF strips 11 WOF strips 11 WOF strips
I.3	Sew Strip 2 to Strip 1, long sides together. Indent 4" Sew Strip 3 to Strip 2, long sides together. Indent 2" Sew Strip 4 to Strip 3, long sides together. Indent 2" Whichever medium strip is the lightest should be Strip 2, next darkest is Strip 3, and Strip 4 should be the darkest.				
1.4	Repeat Step 1.3, however indent in the other direction				
1.5	The result is two (2) mirror image strip sets. NOW: Press seams of the right strip toward Strip 1 (upward) Press seams of the left strip toward Strip 4 (downward). This pressing is very important.				
1.6	Repeat for the other Strips. Cut the last, odd strip in half. You will have the following strip sets:			8 WOF sets: 4 mirrored pairs 2 half WOF sets: 1 mirrored pair	10 WOF sets: 5 mirrored pairs 2 half WOF sets: 1 mirrored pair


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1.7	<p>Trim both edges of each strip set to a 45° angle. This is the same angle as a half-square triangle. You probably have this line drawn on your cutting board (shown here “Diagonal Line 45°”) and on your cutting ruler (shown here “45°”).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align the strip set with the horizontal lines of your mat, making sure that each strip is straight. Move the strip set toward the 45 degree line, just so the line hits the sewn seams. Check each seam line to ensure that the cutting line doesn’t miss any seam. Cut along the edge of your ruler. Flip the strip to cut the other end in the same manner Note that the strip set can be face up or face down to align with the 45° line. 				
1.8	<p>The result is a parallelogram as shown at right.</p> <p>Note that your strip set will be WOF. The one shown was shortened to illustrate the shape.</p> <p>There will be one parallelogram for each strip set.</p>				



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I.9	<p>To make a tube, sew the long edge of Strip 1 to the long edge of Strip 4, right sides together. They are the same length, so there is no fullness to ease in. However, this seam will circle around the tube that you are making.</p> <p>Start by overlapping the point of one with the edge of the other – making a “dog ear” – and pin.</p>				
I.10	<p>Pin the other end in the same manner. Then sew, trying not to stretch. There is no fullness, but you need to finesse the twisting fabric a bit.</p> <p>You will have one tube for each strip set. Press seam in same direction as the rest of the seams. Separate the left hand tubes from the right hand tubes.</p>				
I.11	<p>Straighten a tube, making sure all seams in one tube are pressed in the same direction.</p> <p>Starting with Left hand tubes, cut five (5) 4 ½” strips and one (1) 2 ½” strip from each tube. Repeat with the Right hand tubes, keeping them separate from the Left hand tubes.</p> <p>See next section for the number to cut.</p>				

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I.12	Cut the following strips from tubes: Left: 4 ½" tube strips Left: 2 ½" tube strips Right: 4 ½" tube strips Left: 2 ½" tube strips			20 8 20 8	24 8 24 8
I.13	<p>Go to the section of Fabric C (Strip 1) and draw a line ¼" from where the seam line with Strip 2 meets the cut edge. Make sure that the line is perpendicular to the cut side.</p> <p>Draw a line ¼" from where the seam line between Strip 1 and Strip 4 meets the cut edge. Make sure the line is perpendicular to the cut side.</p> <p>USING SCISSORS, carefully cut on each line – THROUGH ONE LAYER OF FABRIC ONLY!</p> <p>Do NOT USE A ROTARY CUTTER. Make sure you are cutting through only one layer of fabric.</p>				

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I.14	<p>The photo at right shows a 4 ½" strip and a 2 ½" strip. You will have the same number of right and left strips.</p>				
I.15	<p>Place one right 4 ½" strip and one left 4 ½" strip right sides together, nestling seams. Make sure that they are oriented as shown at right. Sew seams and press in either direction. Do the same for the 2 ½" strips.</p> <p>Handle these blocks gently, as they have bias edges. We will be applying the sashings shown next month.</p> <p>Your blocks will be approximately 13 ½" long and either 8 ½" or 4 ½" wide.</p>				
I.16	<p>8 ½" Chevron blocks 4 ½" Chevron blocks</p>			<p>20 8</p>	<p>24 8</p>