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Information for Quilters with Questions

Diamond Spools - A Disappearing Grecian Square Quilt



This is a brand new disappearing pattern created from a very old, but under utilized block called a Grecian Square.

Never heard of a Grecian Square? Don't worry, I will show you how to make it, and show you what a Grecian Square Quilt looks like, so in reality this newsletter will teach you two quilts.

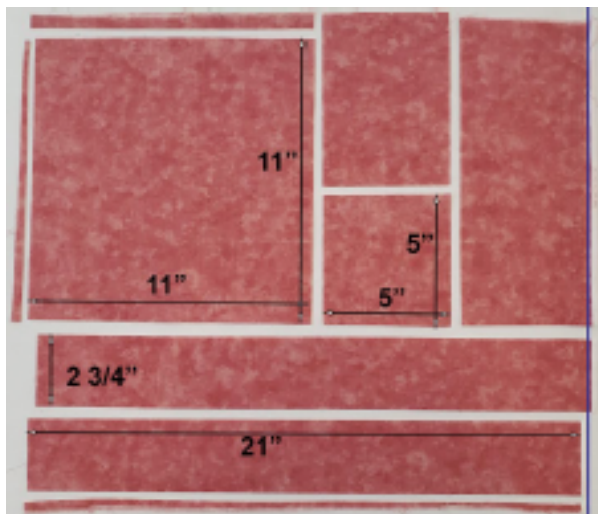
This quilt measures 39" X 52". I made it with 6 Fat Quarters and 1 1/4" yard of White fabric.

There are only 12 blocks in this quilt and each block is 13" X 13" finished.

I have a YouTube video demonstrating this pattern.
<https://youtu.be/MSQfB1wvrRU>

Each Fat quarter (along with the white fabric) will make two Grecian Square Blocks. One positive and one negative.

Here is how I cut up the fat quarters to make two Grecian Squares



Cut two strips 2 3/4" wide along the long side of the fabric.

Cut one 11" X 11" square. This will be used to make eight 5" HST Blocks. I show how to use this method in this newsletter. You can use your own method if you prefer

Cut one 5" X 5" block.

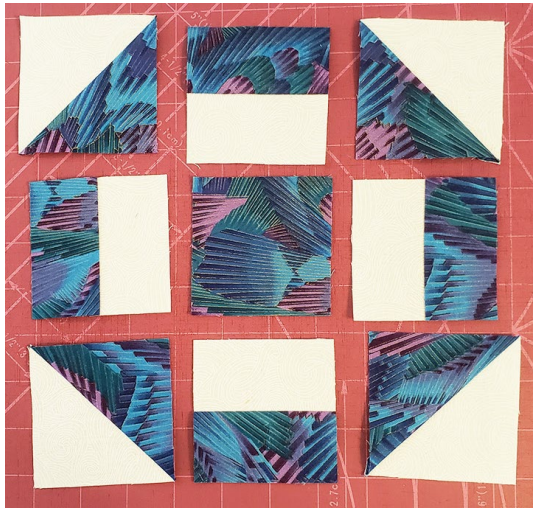
You will need identical squares of the white fabric.



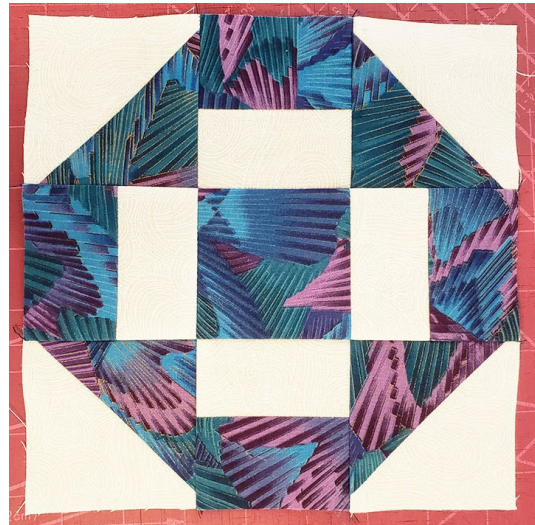
Sew the a white strip to a colorful strip and cut into 5" X 5" segments. I call these Bar Blocks.



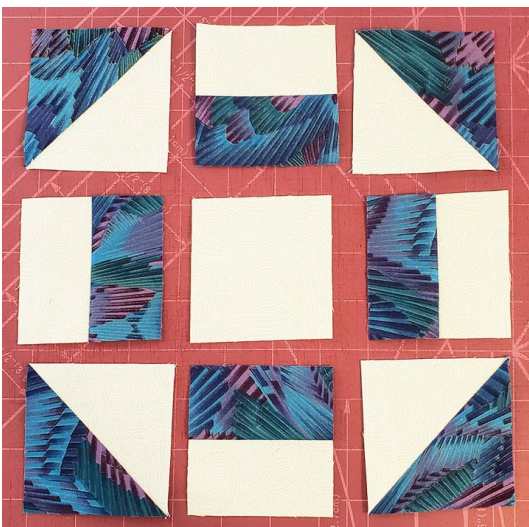
For the positive Grecian square you will need 4 HST's, 4 Bar Blocks and one 5" dark square.



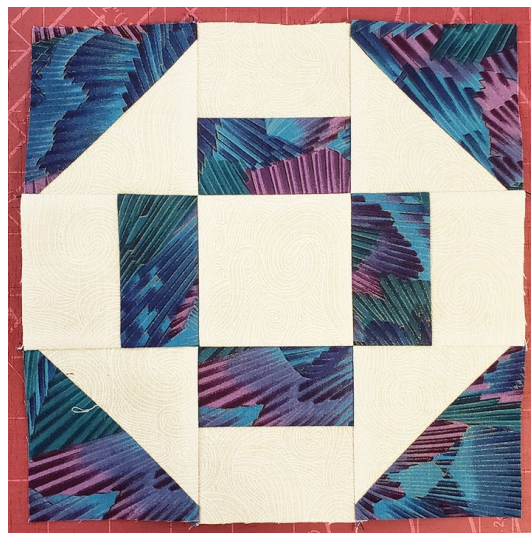
Arrange the blocks as shown above.



Sew them together.
This makes a "Positive" Grecian Square.



Use the 5" white square for the center and arrange the rest of the blocks as shown here.



Sew Them Together.
This is a negative Grecian Square.



If you stopped here and just made a quilt with the positive and negative Grecian Square blocks, it would look like this.

But we are not going to stop here, of course. We are going to cut up these beautiful blocks to make something entirely new!

We will cut up and rearrange the blocks now



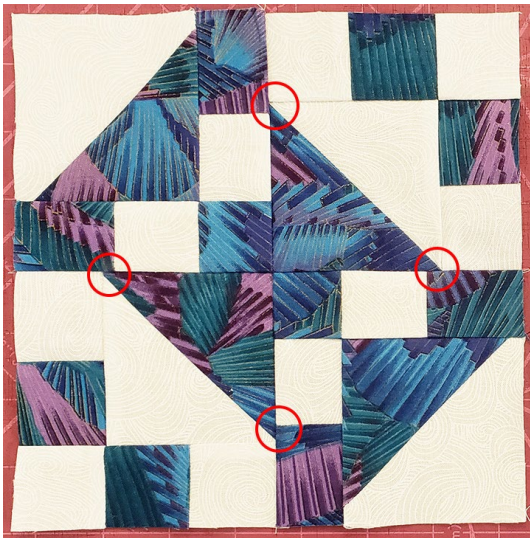
Here is a positive and negative Grecian square cut in 4 equal pieces. You will cut 2 1/4" from the side of the center square and 2 1/4" from the bottom of the center square.



For demonstration purposes, take away two of the positive sub-blocks and two of the negative sub-blocks. This just makes it easier to see.

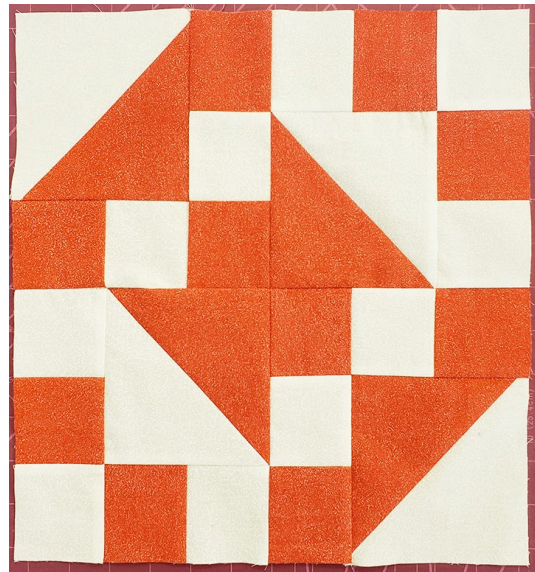


Rotate the negative blocks 180 degrees so that the dark HST corners are pointed to the center. Make another one of these with the other 4 sub-blocks.



This is what it looks like sewn together. Notice that there is a slight overlap at the corner of the HST. This is because the HST and Bar Blocks started out the same size but the Bar Blocks were cut in half and the seam allowance made the narrower. I like this design because it makes the "Spool" look more solid.

These blocks measure 13 1/2" now and will be 13" in the finished quilt.



But for those people who don't like the overlap. Make these changes:

Make the HST blocks 4 1/2" square. Cut the strips 2 1/2" wide. Cut Bar Blocks 5" wide. They will be rectangles measuring 5" wide by 4 1/2" tall.

Keep the center square 5" X 5". The cutting and assembling is all the same. These blocks will be 12 1/2" unfinished and 12" in the finished quilt.

Put the blocks together to get this beautiful quilt.



The YouTube video, <https://youtu.be/MSQfB1wwrRU>, shows a second layout of this quilt as well as other color options

I have even more disappearing videos on my channel:
<https://YouTube.com/QuestioningQuilter>

Stay Well and Happy Quilting,

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