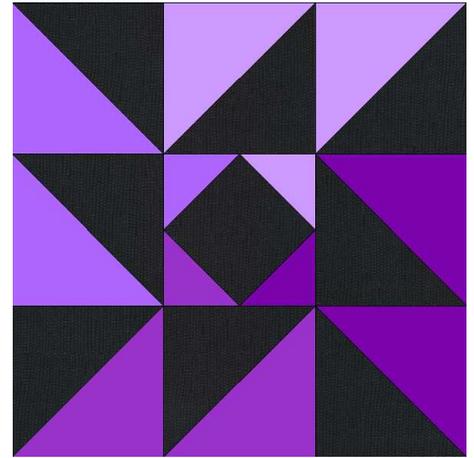




Block of the Month ~ November 2013

Purple Puzzle



You will need

- Four shades of purple/lilac progressing from lighter to darker
Size of each piece required, no smaller than 4 1/4" x 11"
- One piece black fabric—can have gold dots/swirls or subtle pattern/texture
Size required, no smaller than 9" x 12"

Cutting

- From each of the purple lilacs, cut one 4 1/8" square, and one 2 1/2" square
- Cut the 2 1/2" square once diagonally in half
- From the black fabric cut four squares at 4 1/8" square and one center square at 2 7/8"

Construction of the outer half square triangles

- Draw one pencil line diagonally across the back of each of the purple squares
- Pin each of the larger purple squares to the back of a black square
- Sew a quarter inch seam either side of the pencil line, then cut apart at the pencil line. Press seams towards the black fabric.
- Lay them out according to the orientation and color shading shown in the picture of the final block above right.

Construction of the center square

- Paying attention to the position of the shade of the purple triangles, position the lightest shade triangle, right sides together, on one edge of the 2 7/8" square, as shown in Fig A. Sew and press towards the triangle
- Repeat with the opposite color on the opposite side of the center square as shown in Fig B.
- Continue until all four purple triangles are in place as shown in Fig C. This unit should measure 3 3/4" square, and there should be a 1/4" seam allowance from the corners of the black square, shown in Fig C.

Completion

- Sew together the three rows, pressing the seams of rows 1 and 3 to the right and row 2 to the left.
- Block should measure 10 1/4" square, unfinished.

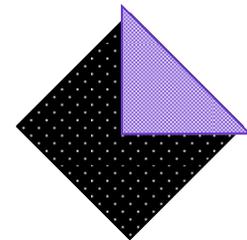


Fig A

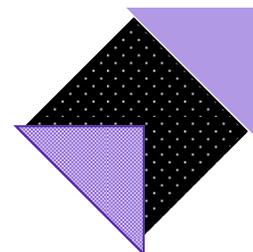


Fig B

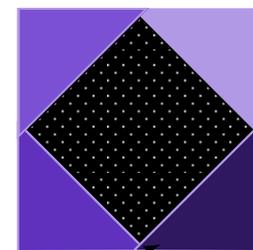


Fig C

1/4" seam allowance