

CUPS AND SAUCERS : BLOCK ONE

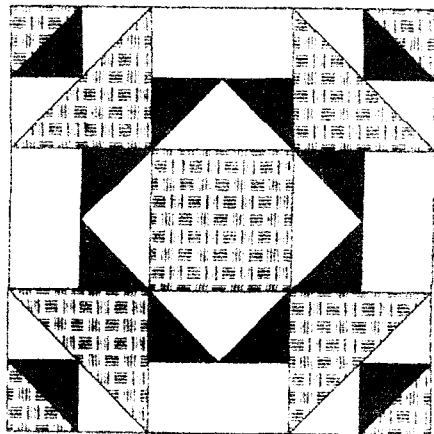
How is a quilt Amish? Technically, it must be made by a person who is a member of the Amish religion. Many of us who are non-Amish quilt makers like to make Amish style quilts because of the way they look and the feelings they can evoke. Historically, these quilts used only solid fabrics. They look plain and stark when compared with similar ones made by the "English". These quilts are pieced from geometric shapes, no appliqué, and simple construction. There are no mitered corners for the borders. The work is usually done by hand. An Amish quilt maker works within the restrictions set by her church district for both color and style of quilt as well as other items that she makes. Borders on Amish quilts can be quite large. These are good places for quilting designs and even the simplest quilt pattern can have quite lavish quilting in the large clean areas.

This year we will create an Amish style quilt. Each month there will be a different type of pattern with a short explanation of its significance. There will also be descriptions of color, style, and history of the Amish community. Kits with the appropriate fabric choices will be available in limited supply. Please put your name on the list and a two dollar payment in the envelope for the following months kit if you want it. In August or September we will make a call for all those who are participating to bring in their quilt blocks up to that date. Prizes will be given.

For January we are doing the block called Cups and Saucers. Quilting is a community gathering in the lives of Amish women.

All the female relatives and friends who can come together spend the day quilting while sharing life experiences and values.

Information is passed across the generations at this gathering. Younger girls begin to quilt and also learn what is expected of Amish women. Throughout the summer the preservation of food occupies a large part of an Amish women's energies. Produce from the huge gardens on each farm feed pantries for winter meals. This block is one that is representative of these women's place in their society



Fabric #1 (gold)



Fabric #2 (pink)



Fabric #3 (purple)

Rotary Cutting Measurements:

From Fabric #1 cut:

C1 Cut (4) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8". Cut once on diagonal

D Cut (4) 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangle

E Cut (4) 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangle

From Fabric #2 cut:

A Cut (1) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square

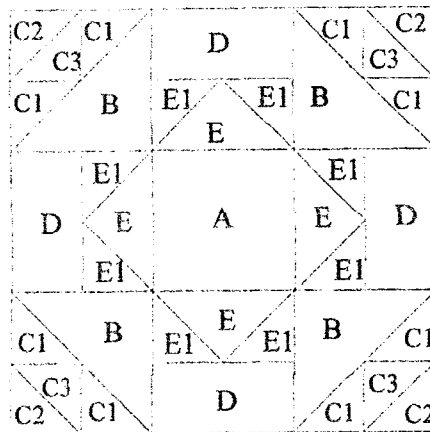
C2 Cut (2) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8". Cut once on diagonal

B Cut (2) 4-7/8" x 4-7/8". Cut once on diagonal

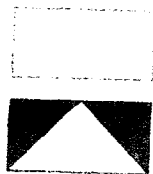
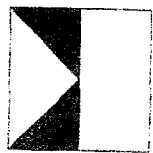
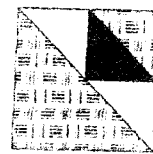
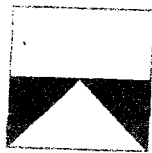
From Fabric #3 cut:

C3 Cut (2) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8". Cut once on diagonal

E1 Cut (8) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" ~~rectangle~~.



Unit 1
Make 4



Unit 2
Make 4

