

## November 2022 Blocks of the Month

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### Y is for Yarn, Z is for Zebra

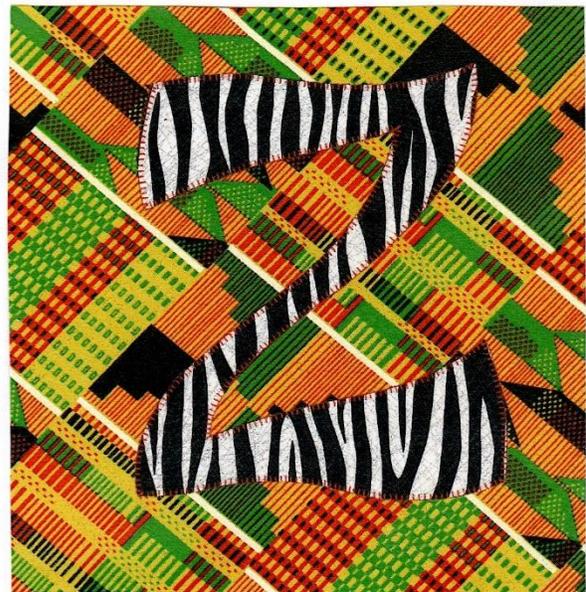
Finally! We have come to the end of our alphabet, and I hope you've all had fun using it, and perhaps using my machine applique method. You will see the whole quilt assembled at our 2023 Quilt Fiesta, then it will go somewhere to raise money for a good cause.

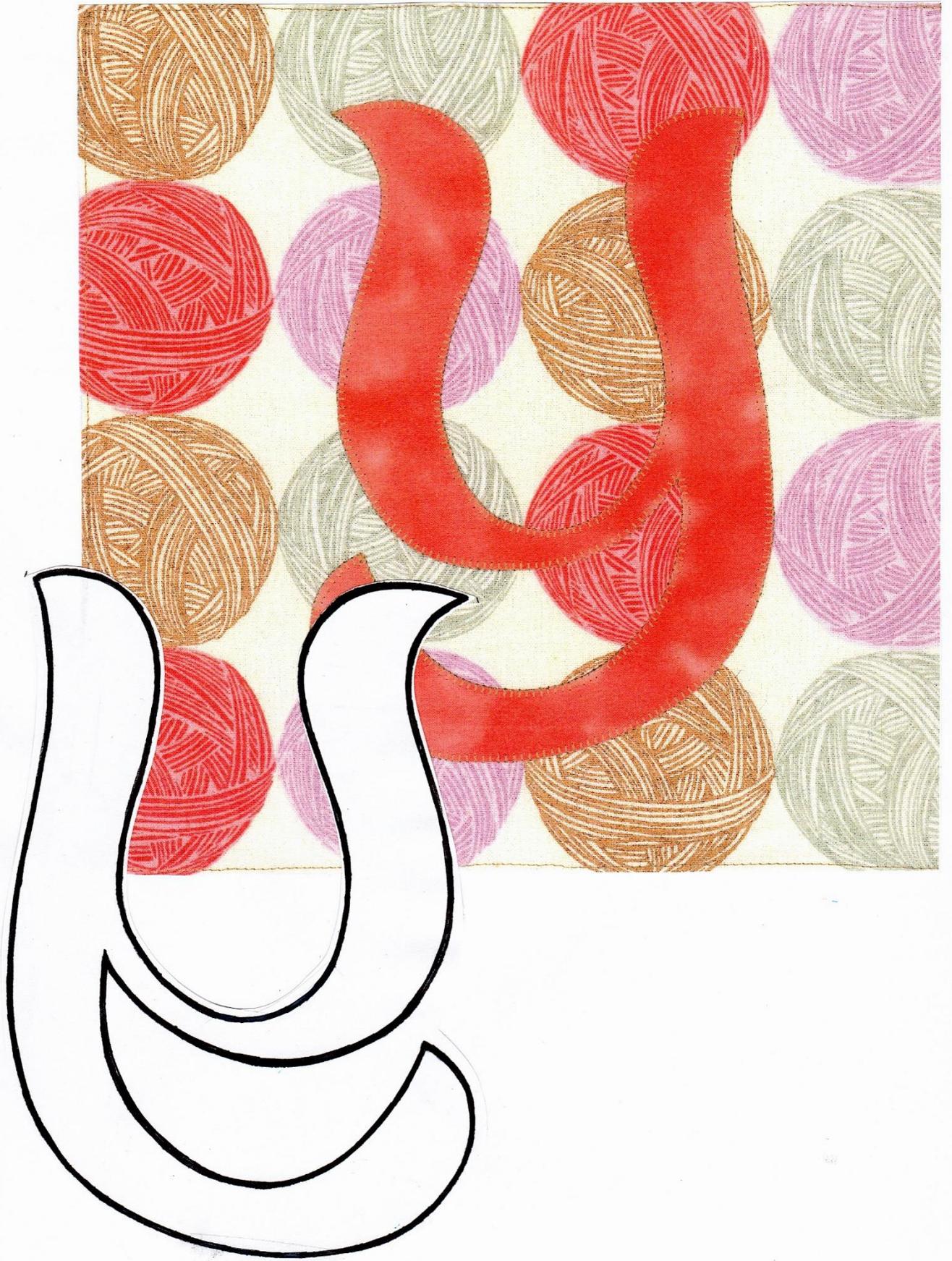
As you have all seen, I used every color imaginable, repeated those colors in the sashing, and found the perfect Alphabet fabrics for the keystones and borders. It's a very "happy" quilt.

My fabric search yielded the lovely Yarn fabric, which is linen, so I made sure to stabilize the block edge as the weave is much looser. Then I found the same line of fabrics in cotton at a national quilt show, but I stayed with what I had.

I expected Zebra fabrics would be readily available, and the easiest to find were zebra striped yardage, rather than zebra imagery. Then I had real fun when I found a printed version of Kente Cloth, a handmade cloth that is still produced in the Ashanti region of Ghana.

The original Kente method is still taught by master weavers, then made in workshops for purchase. Long, narrow strips of geometrically patterned fabric are woven from traditional colors (with their own meanings) then the strips are hand-sewn into wider yardage. In Ghana, Kente was historically worn by royalty, and is still worn as a symbol of Ghanaian nationality and pride.







Enlarge either pattern  
150 % for a 10" block.

I accidentally laid the  
"Z" block upside down  
in my layout.  
The fatter horizontal  
section goes at the top.