



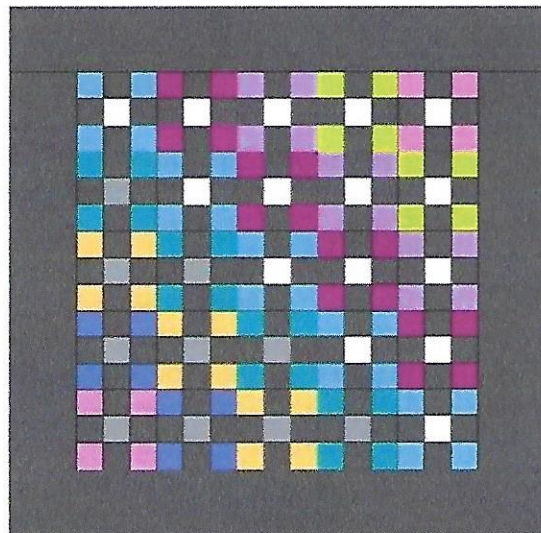
Pattern of the Month - November 2014

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From Amish to Modern

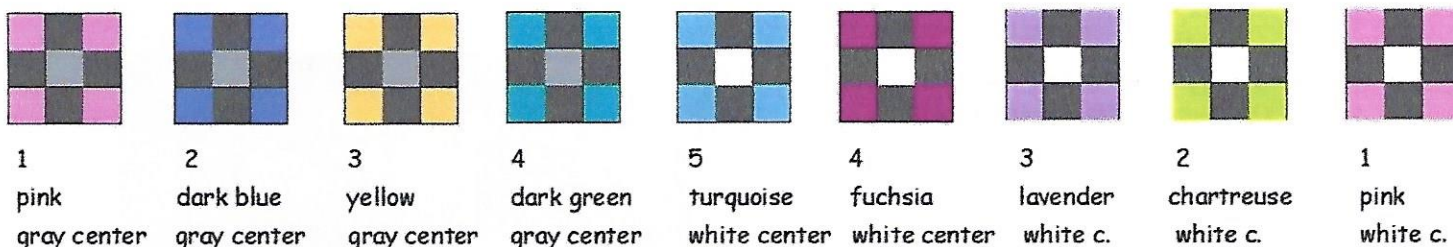
Amish quilts have had a "modern" look for a long time, made from rich solid colors (often wool) and simple patterns. For quilters who love simplicity and also prefer cotton, it's good news that solid fabrics are becoming popular again.

The simple nine-patch block, so basic and yet so versatile, is timeless in its appeal. In this little quilt, 8 different solids are combined with white, gray and black to make 6" nine-patch blocks, arranged to make a very modern looking pattern, with a hint of Amish style. Use your imagination and your stash, or go shopping for some beautiful modern solids.



This 40" x 40" quilt has 25 6" nine-patch blocks and 5" borders. Of course you could make the blocks bigger or smaller, add sashing or change the border size, if you wish. Use your favorite solid colors and be sure to check out the lovely new gray fabrics appearing in the shops. Make it uniquely yours, and as Amish or as modern as you want!

For a layout like the one shown above, make 25 blocks, each using 9 squares, all cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ ":



(Note: All blocks have 4 black squares in the N,S,E,W positions; color squares at corners; and either gray or white in the center position.)

Arrange the blocks by color in diagonal rows, starting at the lower left hand corner with 1 pink with a gray center, then working upward add the 2 blue blocks, 3 yellows, 4 dark greens, 5 turquoise, 4 fuchsia, 3 lavender, 2 chartreuse, ending with the pink with a white center in the upper right hand corner. Sew the blocks together into rows, and join the rows to make the quilt center. Cut borders $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and add to the sides of the quilt. Quilt and enjoy your "modern" (or is it Amish?) quilt!