



PATTERN OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2019

“String Blocks ” A Design by Val M. Hintze

Scrap Buster Foundation Strip Piecing

(This block will-not be used as a block giveaway.)

Instructions

Use unbleached muslin, ugly fabric, or paper as a foundation for this block. Cut foundation 12.5" x 12.5".

The width of strips can be 2.5" wide or various widths using strips from your scrap bag. Strip layout for this block pattern is diagonal on-point.

Place the first strip right-side-up on foundation from one corner to the next corner. All strips should be long enough to overlap the corners/sides (you'll trim later).

Place the next strip right-side-down on top of the first strip, aligning edges, sew with 1/4" seam. Open and press seam flat. Keep adding strips, sewing, pressing, until the right side of the foundation is filled. Repeat the process in the same manner to fill left side.

Turn your square over, use the foundation as a guide to trim dangling strip ends AND resize your square to measure 12"X12".

Cut large square in half and in half again to turn into (four) 6" x 6" squares. Arrange to create interesting designs. Sew squares together.

Make a lot of these fun scrap buster blocks for quick and easy quilts tops, table runners, place mats, tote bags, etc.

