

Block of the Month Miriam's Grid: Color Progression #4

"Color Progressions" 1 – 3 are in my book, **Easy Grid Quilts**. They were variations of a design my daughter asked me to make for her many years ago. They were all about changing square sizes, and combining closely related groups of colors into a full quilt top.

I used that size and color changing format to build an arrangement of four values. Like many traditional blocks, the real fun comes when the blocks are combined in different ways, and two different secondary designs emerge.

This is also a very large 18" x 18" square block. However, when the blocks are this large, you don't need to make very many to build a very large quilt. A mere six blocks will make a baby or lap-size quilt, or you can go for broke and make a king size top rather quickly.

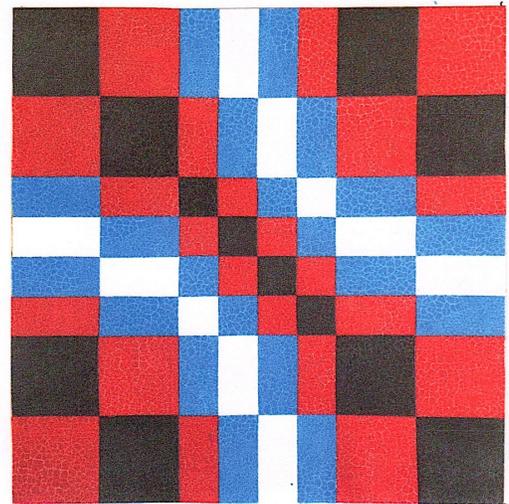
The basic block is made with four fabrics in four values: light, medium light, medium dark, and dark. I tried one sample with a medium dark print and the other three values coordinated to that. The darkest value (D) runs diagonally across the center. Another sample is solid colors, also with the dark across the center. The third sample has a light value print across the middle, with the three other values drawn from the printed fabric. So in the third sample, I reversed the value placement.

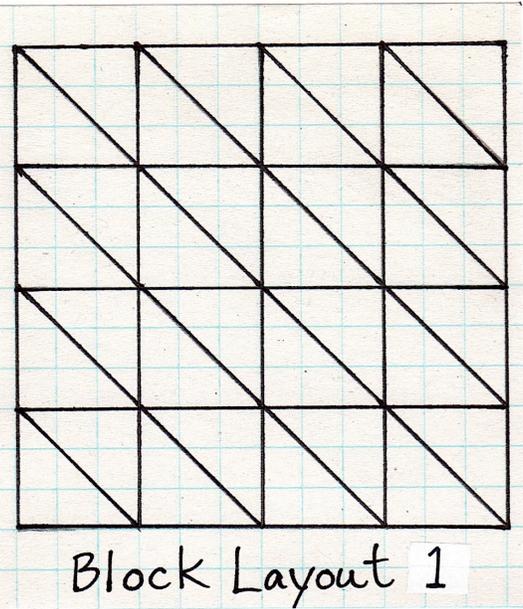
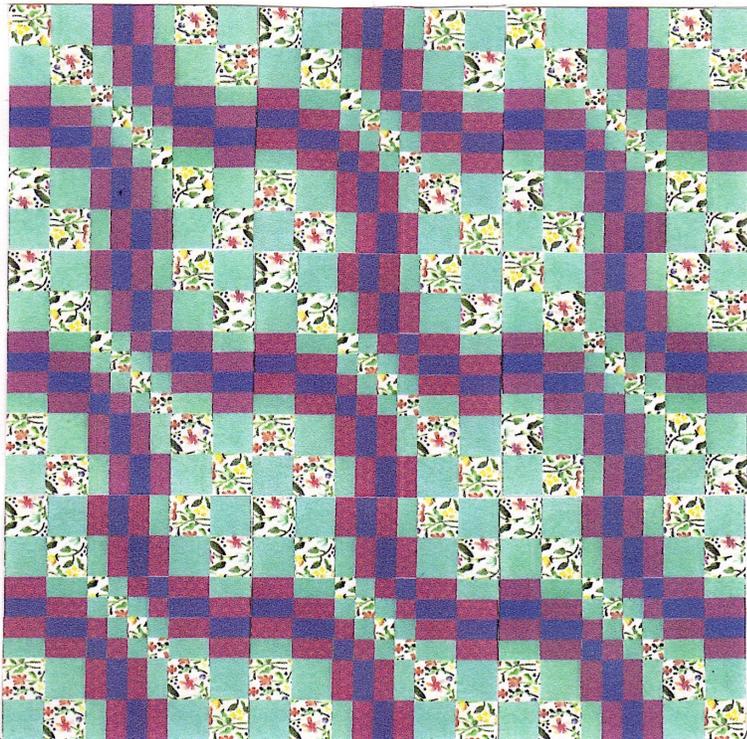
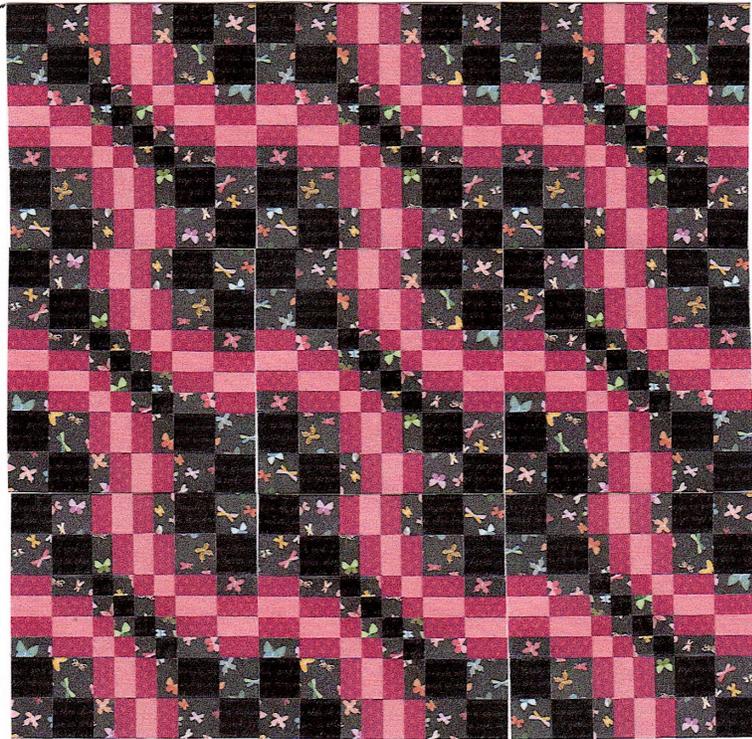
To make the blocks, I cut and arranged all the pieces before doing any stitching. That way, I made sure all the pieces were properly arranged. Notice that the four center side sections are not all the same value placement.

To stitch them together, I broke the block up into traditional 9-patch sections, stitched each section, then assembled all nine sections into the whole block.

I have also included cutting sizes for a 12" block.

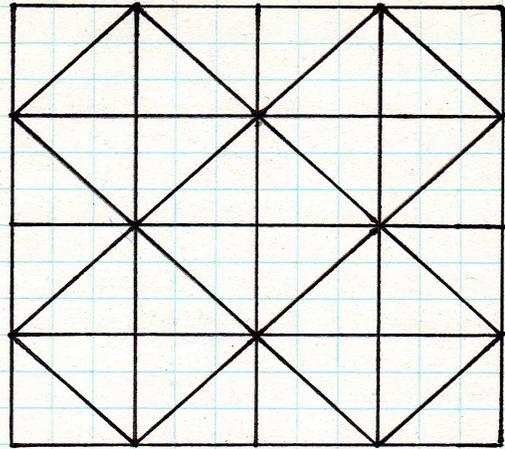
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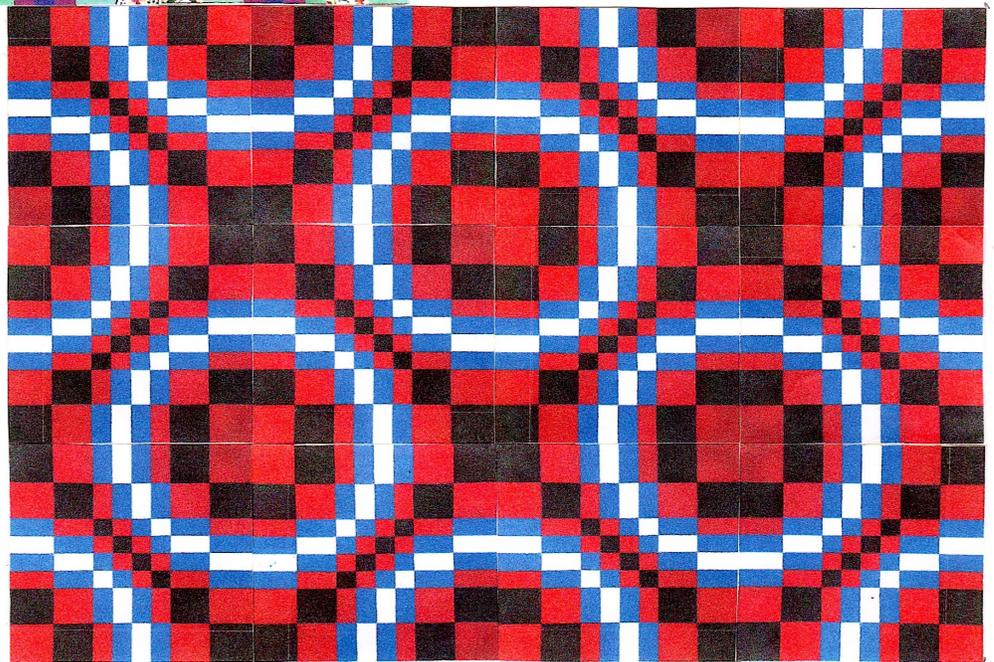
Block Layout 1

All blocks in the same direction



Block Layout 2

Center diagonal
alternates direction
block to block



3"	3"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	3"	3"
D	C	B	A	B	C	D	C
C	D	C	B	A	B	C	D
B	C	D	C	B	A	B	C
A	B	C	D	C	B	A	B
B	A	B	C	D	C	B	A
C	B	A	B	C	D	C	B
D	C	B	A	B	C	D	C
C	D	C	B	A	B	C	D

Cutting Sizes

3" (LS) Large Square
3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

3" (SS) Small Square
2" x 2"

1 1/2" (R) Rectangle
2" x 3 1/2"

1 1/2"

1 1/2" A: 2 (SS) 8 (R)

B: 4 (SS) 16 (R)

C: 8 (LS) 6 (SS)
8 (R)

D: 8 (LS) 4 (SS)

18" Block

D	C	B	A	B	C	D	C
C	D	C	B	A	B	C	D
B	C	D	C	B	A	B	C
A	B	C	D	C	B	A	B
B	A	B	C	D	C	B	A
C	B	A	B	C	D	C	B
D	C	B	A	B	C	D	C
C	D	C	B	A	B	C	D

2"	2"	1"	1"	1"	1"	2"	2"
D	C	B	A	B	C	D	C
C	D	C	B	A	B	C	D
B	C	D	C	B	A	B	C
A	B	C	D	C	B	A	B
B	A	B	C	D	C	B	A
C	B	A	B	C	D	C	B
D	C	B	A	B	C	D	C
C	D	C	B	A	B	C	D

12" Block

Assembly Diagram as
9-Patch Block

(LS) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (SS) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
(R) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2"