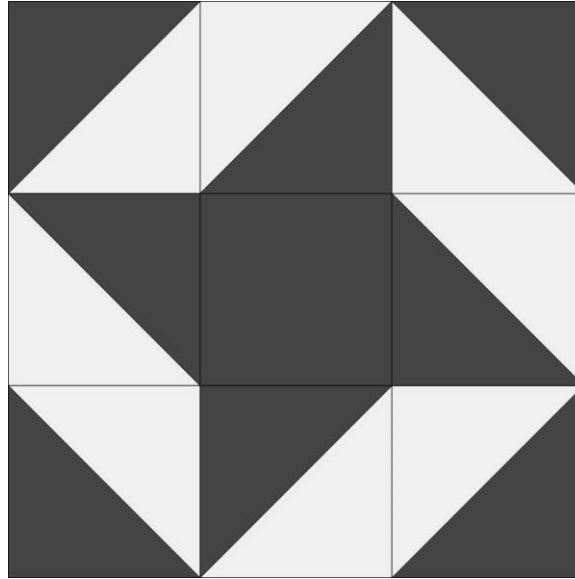


2024 Brandon Quilters President's Challenge

This year for the President's Challenge, I'm asking everyone to make one or more 9" (finished) Ribbon Star blocks to put into a charity quilt from the group. Please bring your finished block(s) to the April 1st meeting where we will lay them out together. I'll assemble and finish the quilt before bringing it to the meeting and passing it along to Polly for the community quilts.



This will be a scrappy quilt as we'll all work from our stashes using medium to dark fabric and neutral fabrics. Please keep your neutrals no darker than the envelopes shown below. This is my box of neutral fabrics. I would use anything in the middle or right column of fabrics. The fabrics in the first column are too dark or the print doesn't let the background color show through.



For this block you will need a single 3 ½" Dark square for the center and 8 Light/Dark Half Square Triangles (HST) measuring 3 ½" unfinished. There are many ways to make HSTs, this is just one way. Please use whatever method you prefer which results in a 3 ½" unfinished HST.

For each block you will need 4 – 4" dark squares, 4 – 4" light squares and 1 – 3 ½" dark square.

Place a Light and Dark square right sides together. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Stich ¼" on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Press the block open pressing the seams to the dark fabric. Trim the block to 3 ½". Make 8 Light/Dark HST measuring 3 ½".



Assemble the block in rows, orienting the HSTs as shown in the illustration on Page 1. On the top and bottom row press away from the center. On the center row press to the center. After sewing the rows together press the seam toward the center of the block.

