

2007-2008 Block of the Month: HERITAGE FRIENDSHIP ALBUM QUILT

February 2008: Fleur de Lis

Finished block is 14 inches

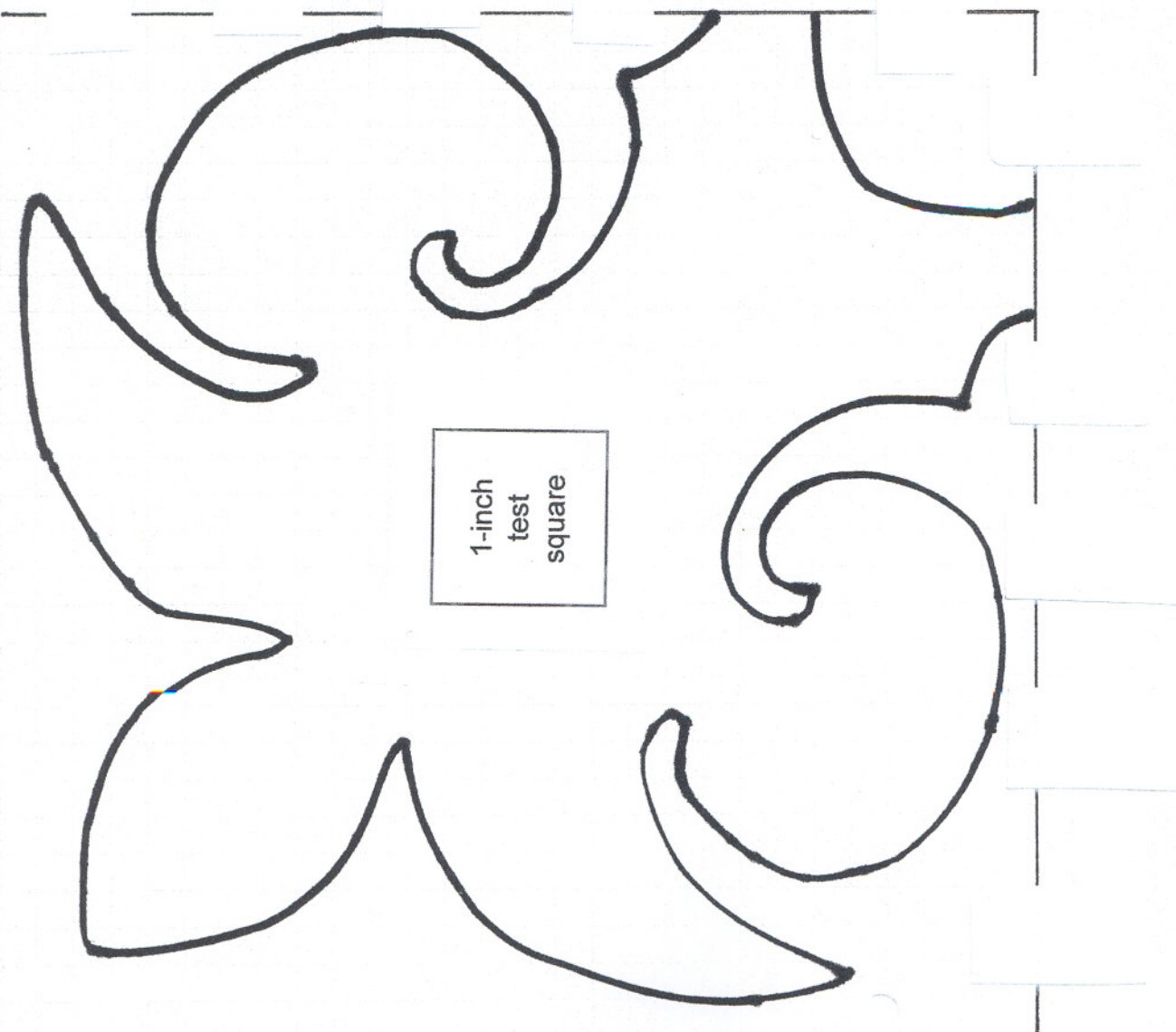
Unfinished block is 14 ½ inches

Fabric A: fabric for fleur de lis which should contrast with Fabric B; cut one (1) square at 12 ¼ inches.

Fabric B: background fabric; white or off-white is recommended. Cut one (1) square at 15 ¼ inches.

1. Take both squares and fold each in half horizontally; press the horizontal fold. Unfold and fold each in half vertically; press the vertical fold. Set the square of Fabric B aside.
2. Using the pattern provided and your favorite appliqué technique (hand or machine), draw the fleur de lis onto fabric A and cut out leaving any required seam allowance. As a note, only one complete quadrant of the design is shown; rotate the pattern as needed for the correct placement in all the quadrants. Be sure to line up the large dashed lines on the pattern with your fold lines each time you rotate and draw the pattern. Doing so will ensure your design is centered on the fabric square leaving enough fabric for seam allowances (if required).
3. Place the fleur de lis, cut out in step 2 above, onto the Fabric B square. Be sure to center the fleur de lis by lining up the fold lines on each fabric piece. Using your favorite appliqué technique, appliqué the fleur de lis onto the background square. Once all the appliqué is finished, trim the background square to 14 1/2 inches keeping the Fleur de Lis centered in the block.

FLEUR DE LIS PATTERN



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(Alternate Pieced Block)

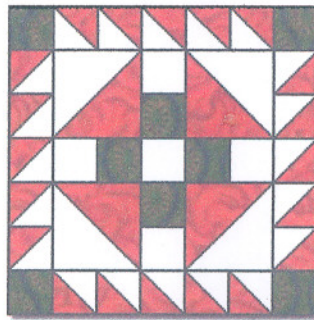
Finished block is 14 inches

Unfinished block is 14 1/2 inches

This month we are using the **Prickly Pear** pattern from www.quilterscache.com for the MQC Block of the Month. Marcia Hohn's pattern follows:

PRICKLY PEAR

This makes a 14" block!



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** Supplies List **



Color 1 Color 1 needs: one 2-7/8" x 28-3/4" strip AND one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4 strip



Color 2 Color 2 needs: one 2-1/2" x 20" strip

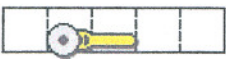


Color 3 Color 3 needs: one 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" strip AND one 2-7/8" x 28-3/4" strip AND one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4 strip

** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



Start by marking and cutting the Color 2 2-1/2" x 20" strip into eight 2-1/2" squares...

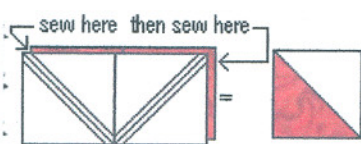


Then mark and cut the Color 3 2- 1/2" x 12- 1/2" strip into five 2- 1/2" squares...

Now speed piece the small half squares, by stacking the Color 1 and Color 3 2-7/8" x 28-3/4" strips right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the 2-7/8" square lines, and then mark the diagonals in the direction show at left.

Sew a scant 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Cut apart on the square lines, and on the marked diagonal lines between the rows of stitching. This will give you twenty half squares. Press seams towards the darker fabrics. Trim to 2-1/2"...





Repeat the above process with the Color 1 and Color 3 $4 - \frac{7}{8}$ " x $9 - \frac{3}{4}$ " strips to make four of these larger half squares. Trim to $4 - \frac{1}{2}$ "...



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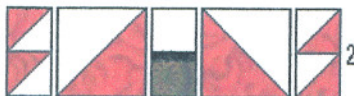
Now sew two of the units you see at top left, using Color 2 and Color 3 $2 - \frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Also, sew four units as shown at bottom left, using two small half squares in each. Use scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams in these and all sewing!...



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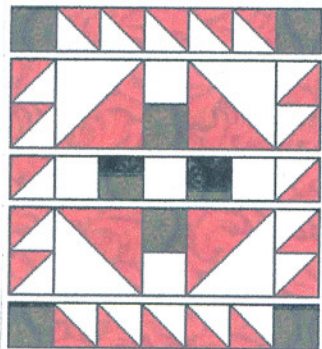


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Next make rows as shown at left...two rows like the top left image, 2 rows like the second image, and one row like the bottom image. In all cases, alternate pressing directions with each addition.



Then just piece the block as shown at left! = One Prickly Pear!