Block 27: Union Variation - Jo Morton

Use (1) light, (1) dark, and (1) medium fabric. Fabrics are listed in order of use.

A - (2) squares, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" (LIGHT)
B - (1) square, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (DARK)
C - (2) squares, 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" (MEDIUM)
D - (6) squares, 1 3/8" x 1 3/8" (LIGHT)
E - (6) squares, 1 3/8" x 1 3/8" (DARK)
F - (4) rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" (LIGHT)

= cut once diagonally from corner to corner

4. Sew (2) pieced squares from Step 3 to each end of (1) F rectangle. Make (2) Unit #2. Sew (2) pieced squares from Step 3 to each end of (1) F rectangle. Make (2) Unit #3.

5. Lay out Unit #1, Unit #2's, and Unit #3, as shown. Sew Unit #2's to sides of Unit #1; press toward Unit #1. Sew Unit #3's to top and bottom (press toward Unit #3's) to create the Union Variation block measuring 6 1/2" square.

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Assembly
1. Lay (2) A triangles onto opposite sides of B square; center and pin in place. Sew together and press toward B. Repeat using (2) A triangles on remaining two sides. Square-up pieced unit to 3 3/8" square.

2. Repeat Step 1 by sewing (4) C triangles to the pieced unit, two at a time; press toward C. Square-up to 4 1/2" square to make Unit #1.

3. Draw a diagonal line, corner to corner, on the wrong side of (1) D square and place on (1) E square, right sides together; pin in place. Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance on each side of drawn line. Cut in half and press pieced squares toward E. Make (12).

4. Sew (2) pieced squares from Step 3 to each end of (1) F rectangle. Make (2) Unit #2. Sew (2) pieced squares from Step 3 to each end of (1) F rectangle. Make (2) Unit #3.

5. Lay out Unit #1, Unit #2's, and Unit #3, as shown. Sew Unit #2's to sides of Unit #1; press toward Unit #1. Sew Unit #3's to top and bottom (press toward Unit #3's) to create the Union Variation block measuring 6 1/2" square.

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