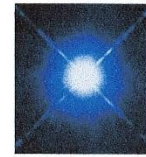




BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS



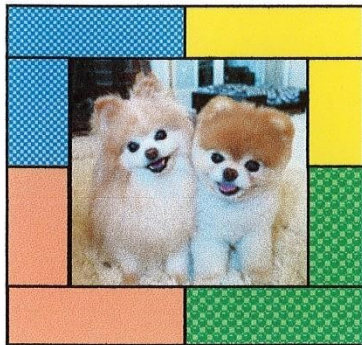
April 2020 Block of the Month

Around the Corner Patch

The phrase “Dog Days of Summer” is celestial in origin. The phrase indicates a period as 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11 coinciding with the heliacal, at sunrise, rising of the Dog Star, Sirius. Historically, Greek and Roman astrology connected this with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck. To the Egyptians, Sirius appeared just before the season of the Nile’s flooding, so they used this as a “watchdog” for this event. *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* lists the traditional timing as not actually effecting the weather, but taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.



This month’s fabric is **dogs**. Bow wow for a bone!



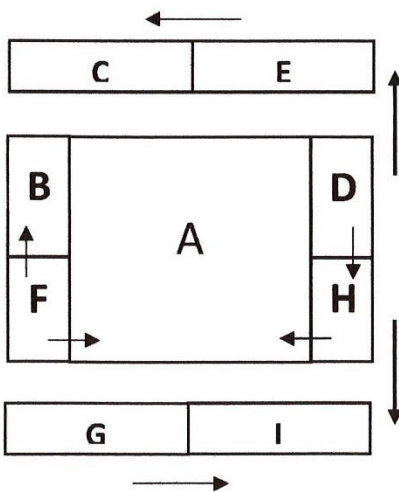
Anne Marie Kiesling 610-876-6552 10 ½” unfinished 10 “ finished

Fabrics: Use **one** dog print of your choice. Looking at the dog print, choose four colors within the print. **One** color each for all four corners. These **four** colors can be monochromatic, solid or a very small “accent” dog print. **Note:** if the dog print, letter A, is not a “busy” dog print with a lot of different colors, choose colors of your choice. Also, the corners are to have a scrap look!

Cutting: 1 7 ½ inch x 7 ½ inch square fussy cut dog print for letter A.

Fussy cut: Cut a specific image portion of a print on the fabric within a patch pattern. Be sure to add a ¼” seam allowance around all sides of the image.

- 1 2 inch x 4 inch rectangle from color #1 for letter B
- 1 2 inch x 5 ½ inch rectangle from color #1 for letter C
- 1 2 inch x 4 inch rectangle from color #2 for letter D
- 1 2 inch x 5 ½ inch rectangle from Color #2 for letter E
- 1 2 inch x 4 inch rectangle from color #3 for letter F
- 1 2 inch x 5 ½ inch rectangle from color #3 for letter G
- 1 2 inch x 4 inch rectangle from color #4 for letter H
- 1 2 inch x 5 ½ inch rectangle from color #4 for letter I



Sewing: Sew letters B and F together; D and H together; C and E together and G and I together to make four units. Press according to the arrows. Sew the B and F unit to the left side of letter A. Sew the D and H unit to the right side of letter A and press according to the arrows. Sew the top unit, C & E, to unit A and the bottom unit, G & I to unit A. Press according to the arrows.

Note: The side units are pressed in opposite directions and so are the top and bottom units because they are stitched before the units are stitch to the main unit A. The seams will “butt” together easier if the quilt does not have sashing. The other seam allowances, above and below letter A, can be press in either direction after they are stitched.

Anne Marie’s Scrap Tip Do not buy expensive electrical cord wraps. Make them yourself. Use a roll of hook-and-loop tape purchased at the local fabric or “dollar type” store. It is cheaper and can be made any size needed.