March Block- Windblown Square- finished 6"

This is a Ruby McKim pattern. McKim Studio of Independence, Mo. was a mail order source for patterns and also syndicated newspaper columnist with full size patterns in the late 1920's & 30's. This pattern is from her book "101 Patchwork Patterns" which was reprinted by Dover Publications.

Fabric required: Fat Quarter of light Fat Quarter of dark

Scrap or small piece for center square

Appliqué-

Scraps or small pieces of green for shamrock & stripe for kite 6" of satin ribbon for tail of kite

Cutting:

Center square

(1) 2 ½" X 2 ½"

Dark

(2) 2 3/8" X 2 3/8", cut in half diagonally (1) 3 1/4" X 3 1/4" cut in quarters diagonally

(1) 4 ½" X 4 ½" cut in quarters diagonally

Light

(1) 3 ¹/₄" X 3 ¹/₄" cut in quarters diagonally

(1) 4 1/2" X 4 1/2" cut in quarters diagonally

Piecing:

1. Using the (2) 2 3/8" X 2 3/8" diagonally cut squares, sew a triangle on each side of the 2 ½" X 2 ½" center square to create square in a square.

Square ina Square

2. Pair the dark 3 ¼" X 3 ¼" quarter square triangles with the light 3 ¼" X 3 ¼" quarter square triangles and sew with the dark on top (important!) to create light/dark triangles. Sew a light/dark triangle on each side of the square in a square from step 1, matching the darks as shown the diagram.

make 4

3. Pair the dark 4 1/.2" X 4 ½" quarter square triangles with the light 4 ½" X 4 ½" quarter square triangles and sew with the dark on top (Important again!) to create light /dark triangles. Sew a light/dark triangle on each side of the unit from step 2 with the darks opposite as shown in the diagram.

Square up to 6 ½" You're done piecing!!!

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Follow general appliqué instructions for the kite and shamrock.

For the kite tail, use a satin stitch on your machine and insert pieces of ribbon about an inch long in at least three places. I used a drop of "Fray Check" on the edges of the ribbon to prevent fraying. Use decorative stitching for the kite struts.

