


Whirlpool
 NCW Quilt Guild Exchange Block – September 2008
 12” block – (12 ½” unfinished)

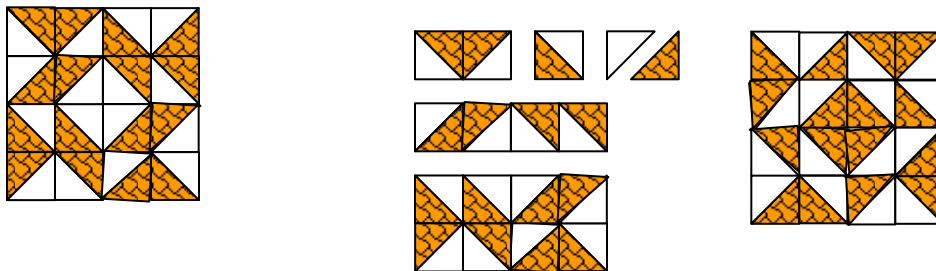
Well, I have one thing to ask: “Where did September go?” Ask anyone who knows me, I am a great procrastinator. So, here it is two days before the September meeting and I have not decided on a block yet. I would like to blame it on the quilt show but it is just me at my “best”. So, this month’s block is going to be easily sewn with careful attention to the placement of your half square triangles. In keeping with the harvest theme in the Wenatchee Valley the fabric is a fruit bowl of colors to pull from your stash. The focus fabric is from the Attic Window. As always, I have added an extra 1/8” to allow you to square up each of your blocks to 3 ½”.

Fabrics:

Focus fruit fabric: Cut eight 4” squares 

Contrasting fabric: Cut eight 4” squares 

- 1) Draw a diagonal line across the back of each square contrasting fabric square.
- 2) Layer each of the fruit squares with a contrasting square, right sides together.
- 3) Sew a scant ¼” on each side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line. Press to the fruit fabric. You will end up with 16 half square triangle blocks @ 3 ½”.
- 4) Following the diagram below sew each row, pressing in alternate directions. Sew each row together. Each row should measure 3 ½” x 12 ½”, the finished block will measure 12 ½” square.



As you can see I am showing the block in two different layouts. The one on the left is the standard layout with a light fabric added to the focus fabric. After trying out over a dozen fabrics, I ended up making the sample with a medium dark fabric and wasn’t sure which layout I liked best. And I thought this would be an easy block, oops. So, I think we will leave it open to your own interpretation of the design. Lay your blocks out each way, and choose the one you like best!