

“Mask” Block

Here we go, Gang.

At the May Zoom meeting, we talked about making “Mask” blocks for a scrap quilt. It is just 5 pieces with two long curve cuts. If you are not a fan of sewing curves, it is easy to do with straight cuts as well.

Choose two contrasting fabrics. Change the center for the “mask”. You get two blocks from your cuts. The strips that make the tie-straps can be any fun addition.

I’ll show a photo sequence for assembly below. The Guild will accumulate 3 sizes of blocks **6½ finished** (start with 2-8 inch squares) or **12½** (start with 14 inch squares).

I drew the shape on my top fabric. For larger blocks, I cut a mask shape and played with placement. This first mask is a bit small.

About **curves**: When cutting your inserts, place the pieced part on top of your “tie” fabric both right side up. When sewing, gently lay the fabric as you go. No pulling. I only pin at the center.

About placing the **mask shape**: If you cut a shape (remembering ¼ inch) and move it around you can get different placements (angles). You can also trim at different angles.

About **fabrics**: I was thinking of prints, plaids and geometrics. That’s just me. A few in solids or prints with solids would be fine.

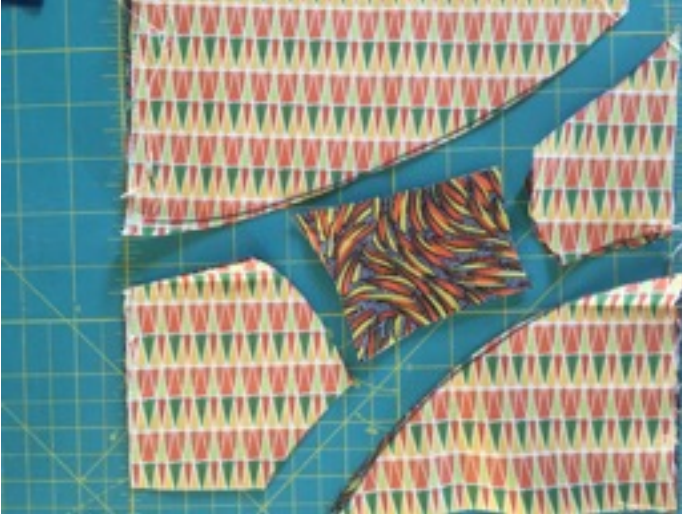
Give it a try. I’m sure you will have your own tricks as you make your blocks.
Merci kathyd



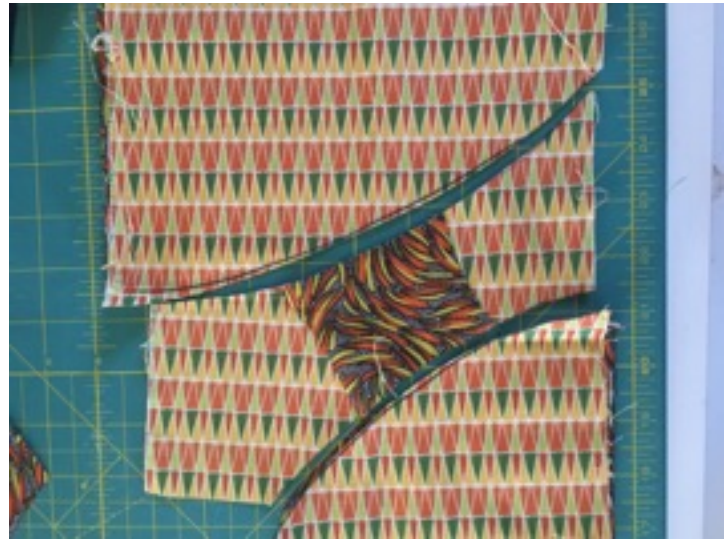
Stack 2 contrasting fabrics. Sizes above.

Mark your mask shape. It will be smaller once sewn.

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Cut 2 squares into your shapes.
Change center for the "mask".



Sew 3 center shapes together.



Right sides up to cut
curve for "tie".



Fit top fabric to width then move
back $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to cut and sew. You
can adjust the curve at this point.

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Repeat the curve insert for bottom piece. Untrimmed.

Trimmed to 6½ OR 12½ depending on the size you started with.

