

Block Exchange April 2006

CHINESE COINS

April: Spring showers...kites in the wind...and (ugh!) April 15th! Let's have fun as we salute the Internal Revenue Service with a traditional block called "Chinese Coins." You can use some fabric scraps for this block, along with a white, or white on white fabric for the background. This is a great project to use up those half-full thread spools as well.

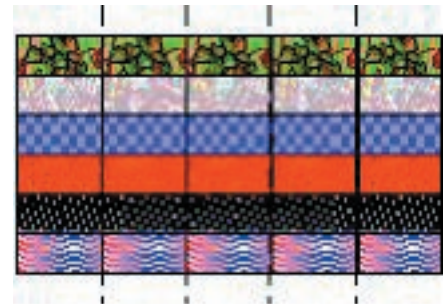
There are two methods of making this block. Choose the one that suits you best.



Method #1: This is the scrapbuster method: Cut 1 1/4" x 3 1/2" pieces from lots of different fabrics and sew them to form TWO 3 1/2" x 13" long "coin stacks." Press and trim the strip to 3" wide.

OR

Method #2: Cut lengths of several fabrics 1 1/4" wide and sew into a strip set. Press and cut the strips into 3 1/2" wide segments. Sew several of the segments together to form TWO 13" "coin stacks." Press and trim the stack to 3" wide.



Next, cut three 13" x 3" strips from the white background fabric for each block. Sew white strips together with "coin stacks," starting and ending with a white background strip. Press seam allowances toward the background strips.

Square your block to 12 1/2", having 2 1/2" of white fabric on each of the outer white strips.

If your "coins" become slightly skewed, or you have a smaller "coin," don't worry about it!

You'll find this block is a lot like Chinese food—you'll want to make more blocks a few hours later!

You may turn in up to 4 blocks at the meeting. Please follow the guidelines so that someone won't end up with a block that doesn't match the others.

Any questions? Call Lynda Burns, 927-0948.)



block sample