

2008 Mystery Quilted Wall Hanging April Block of the Month:

Spool of Thread

April in Paris, April showers, gardening and seeds....Our block this month has nothing to do with any of them. We are making spools of thread this month!

You may use any color of your choice (think stripes or fabrics that read as solids) for your thread, and the spool. For the background, you must choose from the white on white or solid white in your stash for continuity in the block exchange. You will need 4 of these blocks for your row quilt, plus some for the block exchange. These are fast and easy to make, so make lots!

For each block you will need:

From the white background fabric:
Four 1" x 7" strips for outer borders
Two 1 1/2" x 6" strips for sides

From spool fabric:

Four 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares for spool corners
Two 1 1/2" x 4" for spool top & bottom

From thread fabric:

One 4" square

Use 1/4" seams throughout. Sew spool fabric 1 1/2" x 4" strips to the top and bottom of the thread square. Press toward the thread fabric. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the spool squares. then sew spool squares to each end of the white 1 1/2" x 6" pieces- making sure that you sew from outer corner of square toward the lower inside, to create the pointed edges of the spool. Sew these pieces to either side of the thread unit, creating the thread and spool. Press toward thread.

Sew white border pieces to top and bottom of the thread spool unit, trimming excess at each end. Sew each side border on and you're done! Trim bottom white strip to 1/2" deep. Then square block to 6 1/2". How easy was that?!

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Square block to 6 1/2"

