

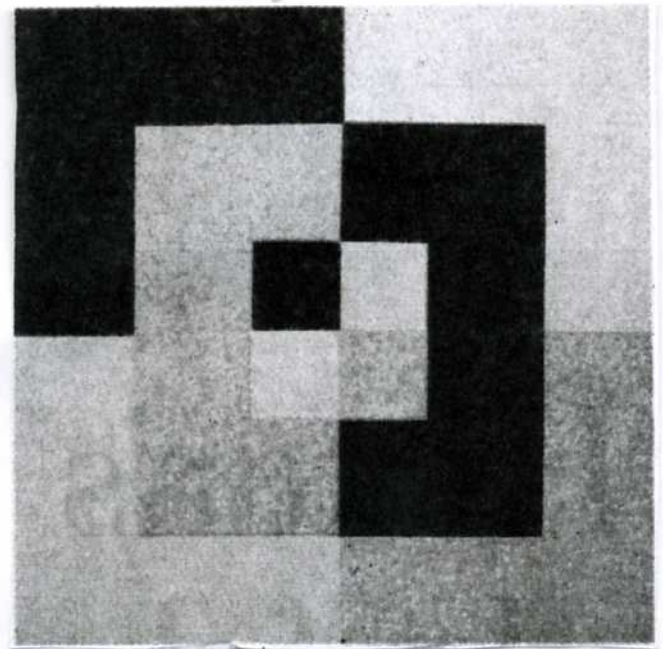
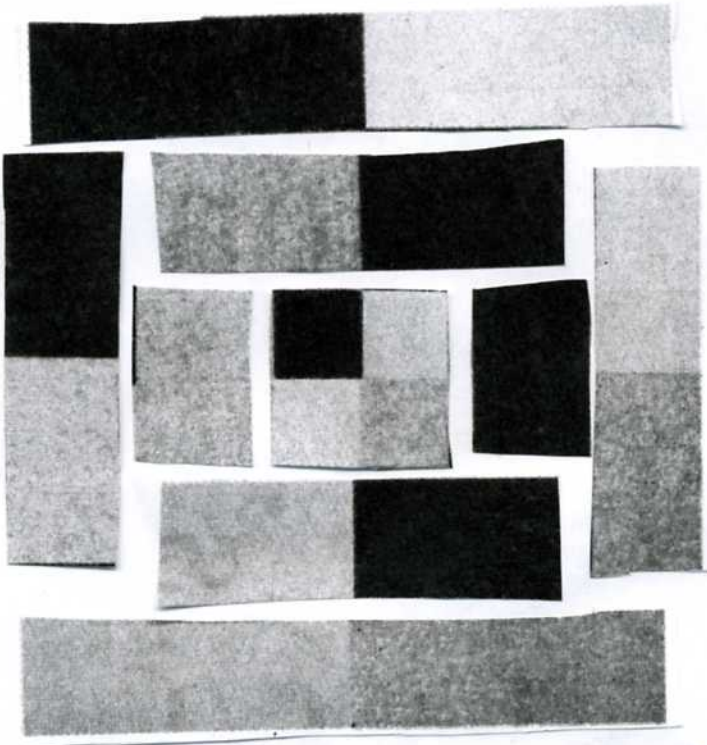
May 2008 Block of the Month

This month's block is based on a painting by Howard Mehring that I saw in the Washington Post recently. You will need three colors, one light, one dark, one medium. One 2-1/2" wide strips by 27" long for the dark and medium colors, and 2 strips in the same size of the light color. Let's use blue fabrics. If you want to use white for the lightest color that will work as well as a very light blue.

From each cut strips as follows: 1--2.5" square, 1--6.5" strip, 4--4.5" strips.

Sew one white square to the darkest square and one to the medium square. Sew these two sets together to form a foursquare with the darkest color on the top left and the medium color on the bottom right. Sew a dark 4.5" strip to the right side(with the medium color square) and a medium 4.5" strip to the left side of the foursquare. Next sew two of the 4.5 in dark and medium together at the ends to form two 8.5" strips. Matching the seams to the middle of the foursquare, sew one strip on the top and one on the bottom. Now sew the 6.5" light strips to the dark and medium 6.5" strips, end to end to form a 12.5" strip. Sew the dark strip to the top of the left side, matching the seam to the center seams below. Sew the medium strip to the bottom right, matching the seam to the center seams above. You should end up with a 12.5" square that will finish to 12".

Make as many blocks as you like. If you make one block you get one chance to win the raffle. If you make two blocks, one will be entered in the raffle and one will be donated to the charity projects, and you will get three chances to win the raffle. If you make four blocks, three will be raffled, one will be donated to charity and you will get five chances to win! You are also invited to just make blocks for charity.



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