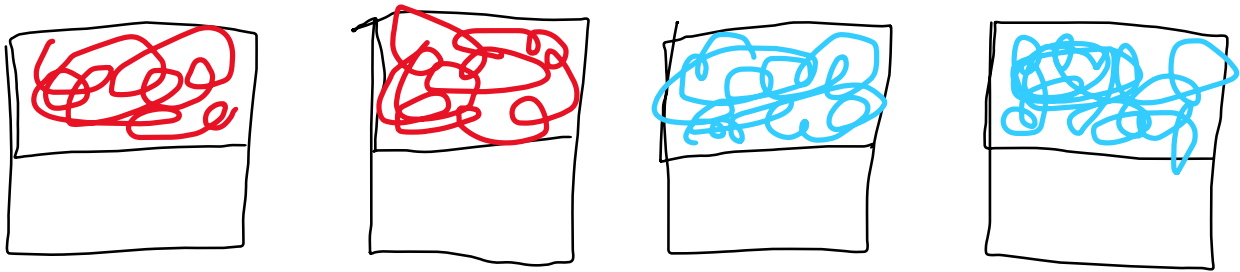


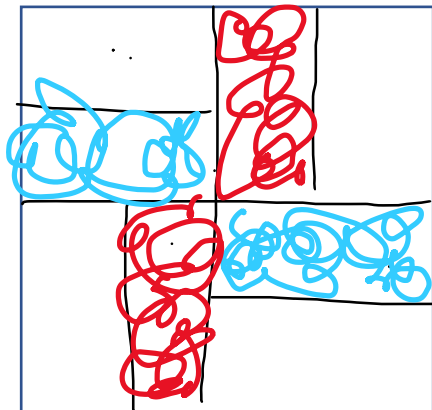
## Windmill Block January 2022

Let's start the 2022 Block of the Month with a low-stress windmill block. Every piece is the same size and the sub-units are identical—all the action is in the layout.

1. From each of two contrasting 10" (layer cake) squares cut 2 rectangles 6 ½" by 3 ½".
2. From background fabric cut 4 rectangles 6 ½" by 3 ½".
3. Using scant ¼" seams, sew a background rectangle to each layer cake rectangle along the long side. Press seam to the dark side.



4. Lay out the four squares like this:



5. Using scant ¼" seams, sew together the top-row squares, press seam to the vertical rectangle. Repeat for the bottom-row squares.
6. Using scant ¼" seams, sew top section to bottom section; press seam open.

7. Trim to 12 ½" if necessary.

**Here is a review of the 2022 Block of the Month plan:**

I recommend starting with 24 10" squares from a layer cake set or other coordinating prints, plus a couple yards of a neutral background that compliments the prints. I have chosen a Kaffe Fassett layer cake in the Emperor colorway, and Kona Snow as the neutral background. Here is a not-so-good photo of my windmill block:



Each 2022 block will be made from two 10" squares plus a neutral background, and they will all finish at 12 ½". By using coordinating prints for the blocks you will end up with 12 blocks that will coordinate for a crib-size quilt. I will be getting the patterns from various sources but will write each one up to finish at the proper size using just two 10" squares plus background fabric.

Some patterns will be very simple, and others will be a more demanding but there will be no applique, no curved piecing, and no paper piecing (thank goodness!)

Instead of having a drawing for the squares each month I suggest that each quilter should keep their squares and make a quilt with the finished set or use them for some other quilty purpose.

Here are a few comments and suggestions to help you get started:

- Directional prints probably won't work if you want to keep the direction consistent.
- All seams are scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted.
- Most squares will not use all of the 10" square fabric so save your scraps in case of a future mishap, or to make more squares.