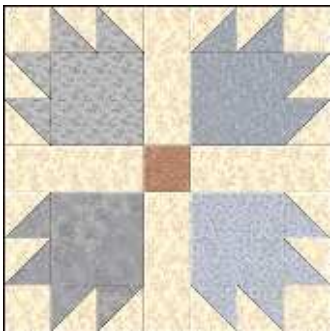
January 2017 Block of the Month

Bear's Paws (courtesy of Delaware Quilts.com)



I chose to do my sample Bear's Paw block (EQ) with six different fabrics (four different blue/grays, a red center square and a background).

For the Bear's Paw block you need -

from each blue/gray cut two 2 5/8 inch squares and one 4 inch square

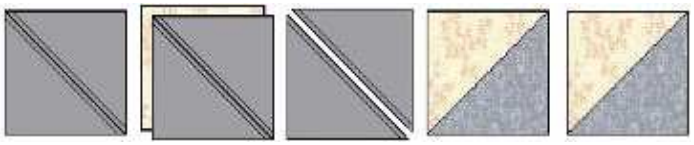
from red cut one 2 inch square

from your background fabric cut eight 2 5/8 inch squares and 4 rectangles 2 inch x 5 3/4 inch, and 4 squares 2 1/4 inch

I will be working on the paw in the upper right hand corner first. You will follow the same directions for all four paws.

First we'll make diagonal half squares with the background 2 5/8 inch squares and the blue gray 2 5/8 inch square. Place a background 2 5/8 inch squares and a blue gray 2 5/8 inch squares right sides together. Carefully draw a line down the center, corner to corner, diagonally across the square. (This will be a cutting line when you are finished.) If you have a true 1/4 inch foot on your machine, you can sew on either side of this drawn line. If not, you will have to draw a second line on either side, exactly 1/4 inch from the first line. This will be your sewing line. After you have sewn on your sewing line, you will cut this square in half on your cutting line. You will now have two diagonal half-squares.

You will do this with all of the 2 5/8 inch blue gray squares and background squares.

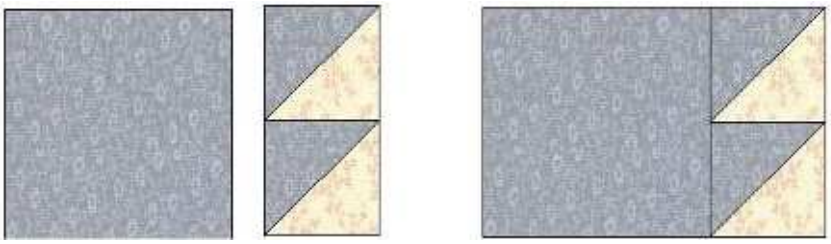


Now attach two diagonal half squares and a plain 2 1/4 inch background square. Watch the direction your points are going in.

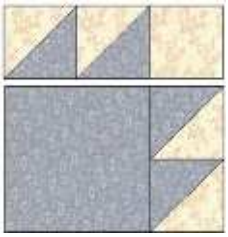


Sew two more diagonal half squares together, be sure to pay close attention to the direction the points go in.

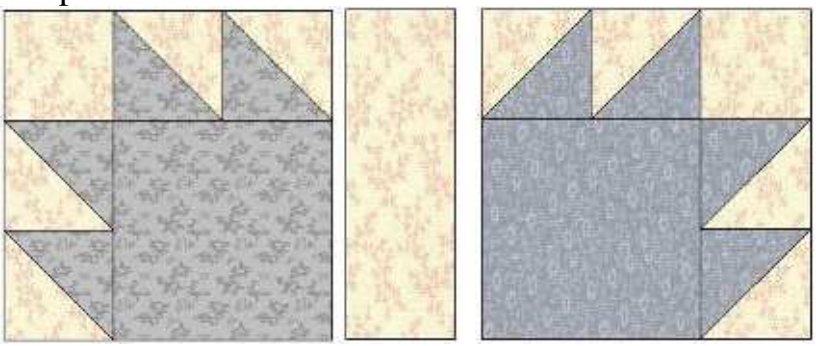
Attach that to the 4 inch matching square.



Now attach the first unit you made with this last one.



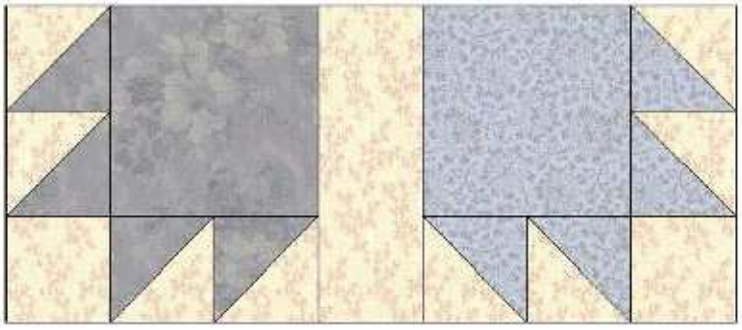
Repeat the directions above to make all four paw units. Now we'll put them together.
Sew two paw units to either side of a 2 inch x 5 3/4 inch rectangle.



Sew the red square between the remaining 2 inch x 5 3/4 inch rectangles



Sew the remaining two paws on either side of the remaining 2 inch x 5 3/4 inch rectangle.



Now sew it all together. 

Your finished Bears Paws block should measure exactly 12 1/2 inches.