Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
June 2020

Scrappy colors: light, medium, dark

Block seams are ¼".
Inspiration from mccallsquilting.com
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Patchwork SIS Block

This makes a 11" unfinished block.

	Color 1 – Focus – multiple colors – use your scraps!!! Cut a total of 36, 1 ½" squares in light, medium, and dark blocks (adds dimension) to result in a 36-piece 6 ½" x 6 ½" square.
	Color 2 – Background – any color pastel. This can be solid or print (recommend if scrappy colors are solid, use a solid fabric; if scrappy colors are print then use a print fabric). One – 9" square (will be cut diagonally into 4 pieces)
	Color 3 – Trim around patchwork square – Red solid. Cut four (4) 1" x 8" strips
	Press seams per instructions.

I found this unfinished pattern with my 'notes' of things to do for the future. So, instead of July 2017 when I first drafted the pattern, it is now coming out in June 2020. Never throw away a scrap!!!! LOL!!!

The SIS – square in a square – is easy to do. This SIS block has a bit of a twist with the inside being a patchwork and then the patchwork square having a border. The photo is of a baby blanket (I think it was from a charm pack); however, I was thinking more in the order of a throw or quilt for a summer picnic, a gift, baby, beach, etc., as multiple blocks built into a quilt. This block is intended to be scrappy. Note - be mindful when aligning the triangles in step 4.

1) Cut a total of 36, 1 ½" squares. Sew them together in rows of six, making a total of 6 rows. Press each row in opposite directions so the seams from one row to the next can be nested when stitched together. Trim completed block to 6 ½" as necessary.

2) From opposite sides of the patchwork piece, add one red strip to each side and then press to the red. Trim the ends to 6 ½" to fit the block. On the remaining sides sew on the red strips, press to the red. Trim the ends to the square, which will be unfinished at 7 ½". Fold the block in half and use a light pencil or press a crease to show the center of the block on the sides. Unfold and do the same in the other direction so the block will show 4 creases.

3) Fold the background 9" square block in half one direction and either mark the back with a light pencil line or press a crease to show the **center of the block** on each side. Unfold and do the same in the other direction so the block will show 4 creases. Open the block and **cut diagonally** across the block, and diagonally again. The result is that you will have four (4) section triangles with center marks at the middle to align with the inner block patchwork square marks.

4) Align the triangle crease/mark to a crease/mark on one side of the sewn block and sew down the triangle. Repeat on the opposite side. Press to the outside. Do not trim the points – yet. Repeat for the opposite sides and then press to the outside. Trim the block to 11" while removing the pointed pieces.

5) Have fun! Stay safe!