


Japanese Block (March Optional Block) *10" finished*
(to be handed in at April meeting) *10 1/2" with raw edge*

This block, designed by Toby Lishko, we found in the Online Quilt Magazine. We have Toby's permission to use it. She did not give it a title, but since we are using a Japanese fabric for the center dominant square, we are calling it a Japanese block.

Fabrics: The ^{5-1/2"}red Japanese print for center square is provided. From your scraps or stash you will need: tan or beige or dull gold (no medium brown, please!) black (either solid or tone-on-tone) and ^{dark}teal or ^{dark}blue-green.

Cut: four 2 1/4" squares from the black

two 3 3/4" squares from the tan or beige or dull gold, cut twice diagonally 

two 4 1/8" squares from the tan, beige, or dull gold, cut once diagonally 

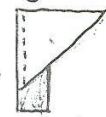
four 1 1/2" x 6 1/4" rectangles from the teal or blue-green fabric

four 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangles from the teal or blue-green fabric


Block Construction: 1. Sew two small triangles to two sides of each black square so you have larger triangles like this: 

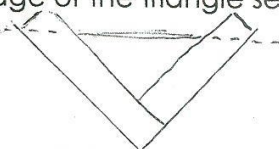
2. Fold the red square in half and thumb press just on the two edges of the fold. Stick a pin in a previously constructed section exactly at the corner of the black square where the two triangles meet and lay this on the red square lining the pin up with the crease you thumb pressed into the edge of the square. Line up the edges of the two layers and pin at the beginning and end of the seam you are sewing. Sew a quarter inch seam. Repeat three times. Press the seams under red square.

3. Sew a dark 1 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangle to one of the remaining triangles as in this diagram. Repeat three times.

Press seam under the dark strip. 

4. Sew a dark 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle to the section just finished in #3 as in this diagram. Repeat three times.

Press seam under the dark rectangle. 

5. Trim long edge of the triangle section even with the triangle using a long ruler and your rotary cutter. 

6. Fold these in half to find the center of the light triangle and thumb press the edge of the fold. Stick a pin in the crease a quarter inch from the edge and pin into one of the corners of the red square. Add more pins and sew a quarter inch seam. Repeat three times. *Press.*