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Simply Sew Modern with Quilters

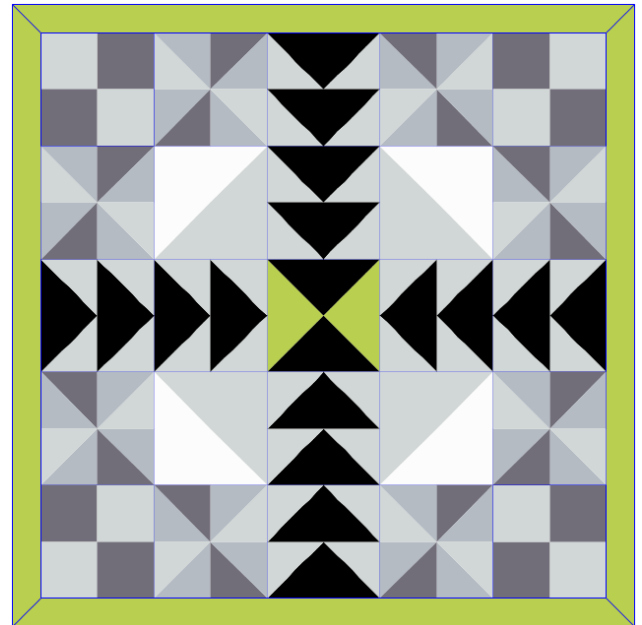
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Fabric Selection:

Our eyes are naturally drawn to medium value fabrics, leading to a stash filled with fabrics that have very similar tonal value. This can lead to a completed project that falls a little flat.

To increase the visual impact of your next quilt, play with a selection of fabrics that travel the range of value from very light to very dark. The Simply Sew Modern Quilt is the perfect experiment!

The hints and tips below will provide guidance in selecting a fabric grouping that will bring your quilt to life.



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The Simply Sew Modern quilt pattern is simple to construct, making it the perfect canvas to experiment with color/value. The focus is on 5 fabrics ranging in from lightest to darkest. This can be most easily seen with a selection of fabrics in black, white, and grey. This complete absence of color will allow us to better focus on and understand value.

Paint chips

This will involve a trip to the local hardware store. The paint chip cards will have 5 or 6 colors arranged from light to dark. Very handy and a great start. Note that each card may not include the darkest shades of the color selected.



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Plastic filters

Red or green plastic often found in art supply quilting stores. Viewing a group of fabrics through the plastic, they appear as light & dark rather than color.

Color wheel or tool

The color wheel is helpful in selecting color groupings that work well together in addition to value/range information. For newer quilters, this may be too much information to start.

Camera:

Group fabrics together and take a single photo of them. Use the “edit” option, convert it to blank and white or mono.

Design N Quilt Software

With Design-N-Quilt software and use the popup color palette to select any color. Audition colors/shades with just a single click.

Fabrics may also be imported, giving you a complete visual representation of your finished project.

A trial version of Design N Quilt is available at: quiltersselect.com/product/design-n-quilt.

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Once the five shades of color have been selected, have fun with that 6th accent fabric. Note: the yardage information included for the quilt are calculated with Accent Fabric 6 and the borders cut from the same fabric.

