

# Stacks and Stacks Quilt Block 12 1/2"

## for Handout in January for Return in February



- ) This is a very fun scrap block to do. Not a lot of rules but some guide lines
- ) You need a variety of fabrics in light, medium and darks. Try to use several color families.
- ) You will need 2 white on white, 4 1/2" squares.
- ) For the center you need two 4 7/8" squares to make two half square triangle( lay the two squares together and draw a line down the center and 1/4" on each side and sew the 1/4" seams and cut the line down the center and you will have two half-square triangles (you could make two blocks)
- ) you need to cut about 18-20 strips of fabric ranging in size from 1" to 2 1/2" You don't want too many big cuts, lots of 1, 1 1/4, 1 1/2, 1 3/4, 2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2. of 6" length for re-squaring.
- ) **Sewing:** Sew your background squares to top and bottom of your Half square triangle .
- ) Now choose one of your strips and lay another strip on top of it. Here is where you must work contrast. If my first choice is large, I choose smaller for the next strip, if it is dark, if choose light and work my way down the length of the strip, sewing and choose contrast until I have achieved 12 1/2" If you have a bit more, you just need to re-square
- ) Now repeat to do the other side. Re-square to 4 1/2" x 12 1/2"
- ) Sew the side rectangles to either side of the middle rectangle. You should have a 12 1/2" Block. Viola your done!