Jewel Box Quilt Shibori Style (#102)

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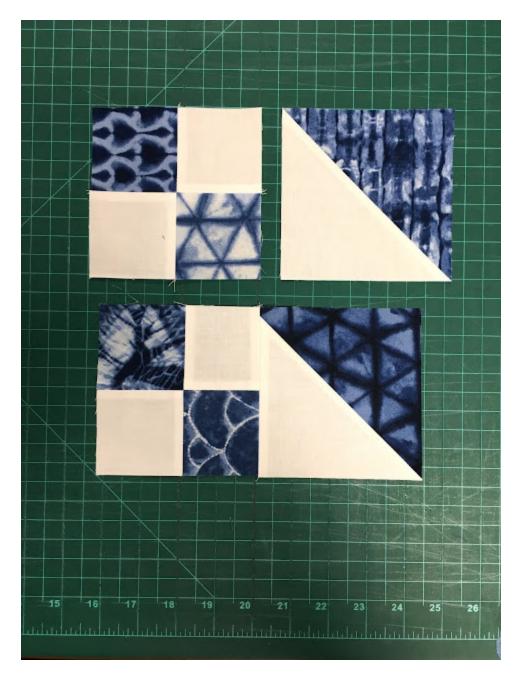
There is nothing I like more than a simple quilt pattern that looks complicated. Behold the Jewel Box quilt.



Shibori is a Japanese term for a method of dyeing cloth. Traditionally using Indigo, it is a form of tie-dyeing that goes back to the 8th century.

This quilt block is called: Jewel Box

I did not use a printed pattern - but by reading this post and the links below you will be able to master this :)



Quilt Specs: The fabric: A fat quarter bundle of **Shibori II from Moda.** This collection designed by Debbie Maddy contains 20 different designs and I used all of them in this quilt. The 'background' fabric is Kona white.

Note: If you are using pre-cuts like charm squares or a layer cake, *do not starch or iron with steam - they will shrink.*

If you are using yardage for this project, feel free to starch and iron with steam.

1) Cut 5" x 5" squares from both the Shibori fabric and the Kona white: **a TOTAL of (126)** each.

2) Take (63) of the blue and (63) of the white squares and make (126) half square triangles.

Use a scant 1/4" seam. Trim to an unfinished size: 4.5" x 4.5"
A good tutorial for making HST's with charm squares is <u>HERE</u> from *Scrapish*.
3) Take (63) of the blue and (63) of the white squares and make (126) 4-patch units. See pix above. These should be unfinished at 4.5" x 4.5"

Note: A good video tutorial on how to make 4-patches from 5" squares is <u>HERE</u> from *Me and My Sister Designs.*

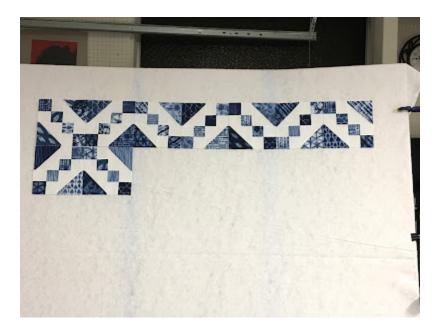
If you are using yardage (cut into 2.5" strips) - a video <u>HERE</u> from **Missouri Star Quilt. Co.** is helpful.

Or, you just cut up 2.5" x 2.5" squares and a post<u>HERE</u> from *Fabric406* explains this method.

Assemble all your units the way shown above with the 4-patch focus fabric on the top left - and HST focus fabric - top right. That's it! Sew away and stack them up.



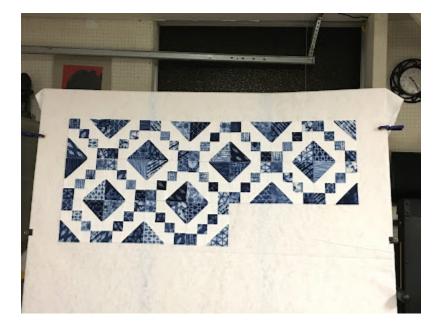
I figured out my quilt size based on a 4" finished square. 14 squares across & 18 rows down = 56" wide x 72" long.



NOTE ABOUT YARDAGE ...

The yardage for THIS quilt in two colors would be exactly 2 yards of each. But since I would err on the side of caution with mistakes, pre-washing, squaring up and starch - I would get 2.5 yards of each to be SAFE !

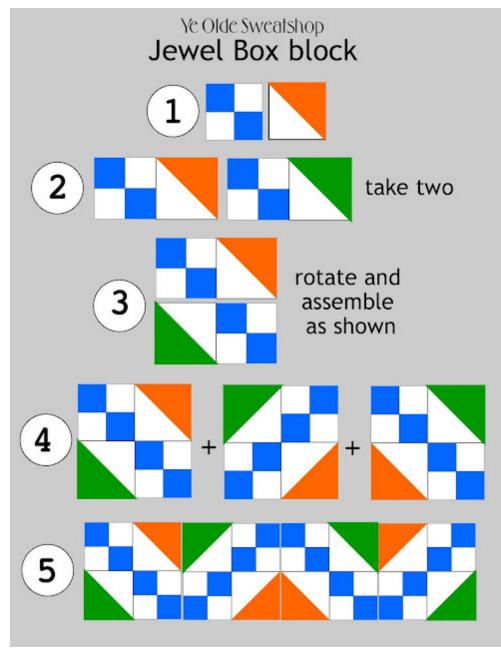
Bonnie Hunter from <u>Quiltville's Quips & Snips</u> has a great chart for yardage if you choose to make this quilt with just two fabrics ... a light & a dark. Just figure out how large YOUR quilt will be - and go to the chart column for 5" squares.





See the Jewel Box pattern emerge as you rotate these units and match up the triangles and the four patches.

I made this diagram which explains the assembly in detail - the colors are not important. Two good links below are also helpful with instructions & pictures.



*Make all your units (#1).

*Take two units (#2) and rotate them so the focus out (#3)

fabric HST's are pointing

*Sew blocks together with 4-patches and triangles next **#5)**.

to each other (#4 and



The backing is a beautiful midnight blue minky. Wavy line quilting was done with a walking foot in Aurifil 50wt. threads. Following the seams makes it super easy to quilt and creates cute little squares.



More Links:

1) Shontelle from *England Street Quilts* has a great PDF and diagrams for a *Jewel Box* quilt <u>here</u>. While our assembly techniques are different *(Shontelle stripped pieced her 4-patches, I made them from 5" squares)* - her pattern guides are the best.

2) For some step by step pictures of Poppy's Jewel Box quilt, visit Cuckooblue.

Thanks to everyone for their tutorials and for all those who left comments that corrected my horrible math skills. (2/14/19)

Materials: Shibori II by Moda / Debbie Maddy Kona white Dimple dot minky / midnight blue Binding: Cotton Couture Midnight / Michael Miller Aurifil Thread 50wt: #2600 (dove) & #1248 (denim blue) Warm & White batting Jewel Box quilt pattern Size: 56" x 72" December 2018