2023 FAWCO Friendship Quilt

Big thanks to everyone who participated in the 2022 quilt, Bluebird of Happiness!

Let's celebrate the new Target Project with a quilt in earth tones. We don't know yet which proposal will be selected in support of the SDG on the environment, but something in warm earthy greens and browns might inspire you! Shelley suggested upcycling your old cloth face masks as part of your block (if they are **100% cotton**.**) Note: ¼" seam allowance is included in the cutting measurements.**

Here's what we're making, a simple 9-patch with half-square triangles:

To start, cut 4 squares of light fabric and 4 squares of dark, each 3.25". (I cut mine only 3", but I've done this a lot. You know your own skill level.)

Also cut one square of dark fabric 2.5"

Draw a diagonal pencil line on the wrong side of each light square, and place light and dark squares right sides together. Stitch ¼" away on each side of the drawn line.
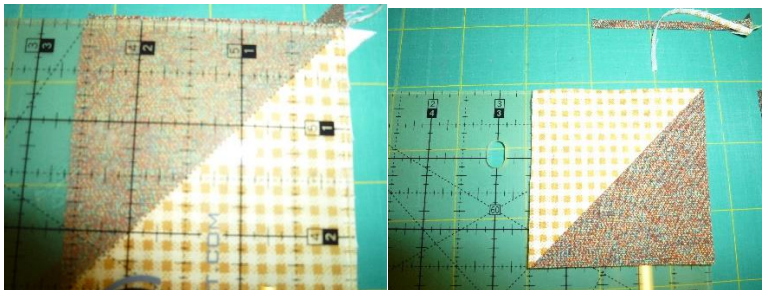

Cut the squares along the drawn line. You will have 8.

Press the seams open. Be careful not to stretch them!

Using a ruler with a diagonal marking, line up the diagonal exactly on the seam line and trim to exactly 2.5" Your seam line should run precisely from corner to corner.

Now you can lay out your perfect squares and stitch them together.

Again, press seams open, nice and flat, using your hottest iron. Here's what it looks like on the back.

You may choose any earth colors you like, as long as there's a good light-dark contrast. Avoid novelty prints. You may mix different lights and different darks, but try to keep to the same values. That means if you took a black and white photo, all your darks would appear the same shade of grey, and all your lights another same shade of grey or off-white.

Your block should finish at 6.5".

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Or check www.fawcofoundation.org for general quilt process and instructions.

Deadline for blocks to be in my hands is **October 1, 2022.** Don't wait, start stitching!