

3 D Blocks

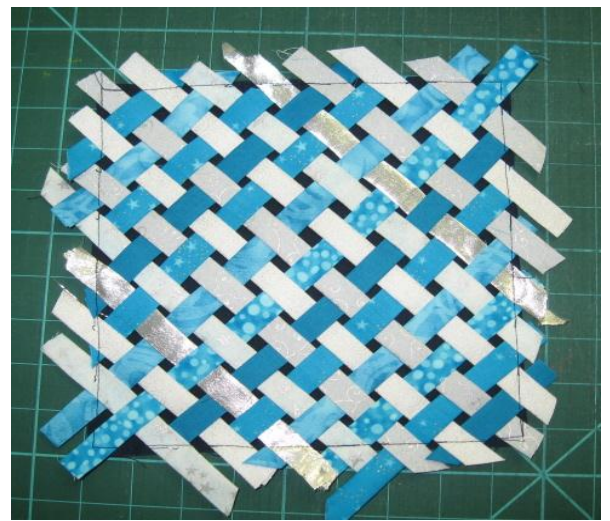
Woven Texture

Required Items

- ★ Dark fabric for background – 8 ½ " square
- ★ 1 ½ " Strips in Assorted Lights & Mediums – totaling 13 of each laid diagonally across background
- ★ Scrap of thin batting & backing fabric

Instructions

- ★ Use 8 ½ " background square as a base
- ★ Press strips to form ½ " lengthwise – by folding raw edges toward centre twice – spray starch helps secure folds
- ★ Create enough light & medium strips to cross the background square on a diagonal – strips are shy of ¼ " apart when laid from centre corners outward
- ★ Pin each end to secure
- ★ Begin to weave the medium strips through from the opposite diagonal centre, alternating weave as you add a strip. Move pins and replace as necessary to secure all strips
- ★ When all 26 strips have been secured, stitch close to edge on all 4 sides of block being careful to not curl the strips as you go



- ★ I tried to stitch and secure the first set of strips – but the stitching gets in the way and has to be plucked out – so it is best to rely on pins – unless you don't mind taking stitches back out as required!

★ Trim block to 8 ½ " removing all excess strips

★ Cut 2 – 6 ½ x 8 ½ pieces of dark fabric for backing. Press ½ " over on one long edge of each piece. Fold again and press to create a finished hem, stitch. Centre the 2 pieces on top of the block, the pieces will overlap like a slip cover for a cushion. Pin on the sides. Trim the top and bottom fabric on block to even it out with backing. Pin top and bottom to secure overlap. Stitch ¼" seam all the way around. Trim corners to reduce bulk. Turn block right side out. Poke corners square with a corner tool or poking tool. Press block to ensure edges are crisp and line up. Topstitch ¼' from edge with desired thread.



Finished block by SK Baldry



Finished block by Shirley Feldman

Finished Block 8 ½ " x 8 ½ "

Original concept from Christie Davidson 2011