

# Hands Across the Water

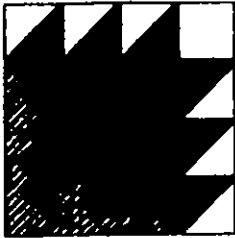
2010

## "QUILTS IN NATURE"

Quadra Island Quilters Guild



### Quilt Block for Hands Across the Water 2010



**Bear Paw Block**

12½" x 12½"

**PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS THRU BEFORE BEGINNING!!**

This is the block for the block draw at the Quadra Island *Hand's Across the Water 2010 ~ "Quilts in Nature"* on Saturday, October 2, 2010. For each block that you make and hand in your name will be entered into the draw.

**Fabric needed:**

100% cotton please

**Background:** \* Plain white—approximately 4" x 16"

**Claws** \* Plain black—approximately 4" x 12"

**Paws** \*\* 1 piece 9¾" x 9¾" of plaid, check, or stripe in medium/light value

\*\* 1 piece 9¾" x 9¾" of plaid, check, or stripe in dark value

**Claws**

\*Cut three 3¾" squares of white and three 3¾" squares of black

Cut one 3½" x 3½" square of white fabric—set aside until ready to assemble block.

Draw a diagonal line, corner to corner, on the wrong side of each of the white squares. Match each white square with a black square, right sides together and sew a ¼" line on either side of the drawn line.

Cut the blocks on the drawn line

Press open to the black.

You should have six black and white half square triangles measuring 3½" x 3½"

\*(If you are unsure of your ¼" seam, you could cut your white squares and your black squares at 4" and after sewn together, trim the squares down to 3½"

**Paw**

\*\* cut each of the 9¾" squares in half on the diagonal.

Sew 1 medium/light triangle to 1 dark triangle on the diagonal side

You should have one block 9½"

\*\* (If you are unsure of your ¼" seam and/or because you are working with a long diagonal, you could cut the paw fabric 10" square instead of 9¾", draw a diagonal line on the back of the lighter fabric, then placing right sides together of the two fabrics sew a line ¼" on either side of the drawn line, cut apart along the drawn line and press to the dark. Trim to 9½". You would then have two 9½" and could make another block, then enter the draw twice)

**Assembly**

Sew three half-square triangles in a row with the black in the lower right hand corners making the top row. Make sure that all the claws are pointing in the correct direction

Sew three half-square triangles in a row with the black in the upper left hand corners making the side row. Make sure that all the claws are pointing in the correct direction



Sew the 3½" x 3½" square of white fabric to the top row of claws (black in lower right hand corners).

Sew the 9½" paw half-square triangle to the side row of claws (black in upper left hand corner)

Sew the two sections together and your finished block should measure 12½" square.

**Piecing Tip:** Because you are working with bias, you might want to starch your fabric before cutting and piecing, especially if using fabric with the plaid woven in instead of printed on the fabric.

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