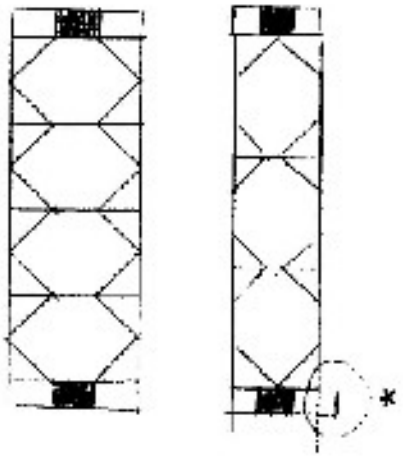
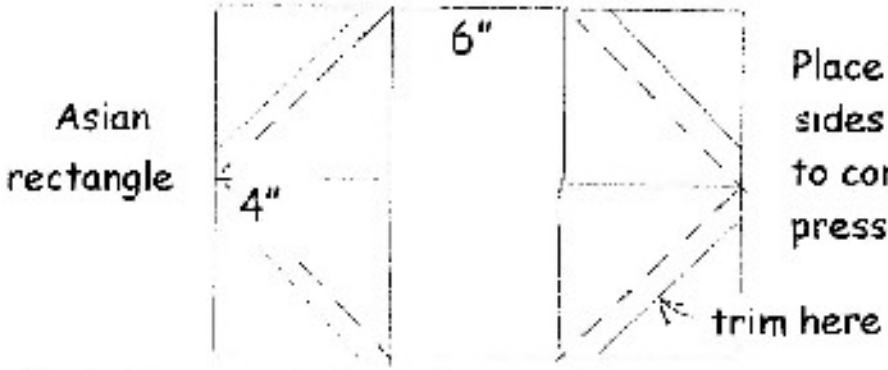
Asian Lanterns

Block Swap for May



To participate is this swap, use 2 fat quarters of different Asian prints – plus small 2" squares of cream fabric for the corners. We will trade 2 different blocks together as a set. You will be making 12 sets (+ 1 for Community Quilts if you wish) of these 2-block units.

Cut your Asian fabric into 4" X 6" rectangles. Use 2" squares of any cream colored fabric in all the corners – as illustrated below:



Place 2" squares on top (right sides together) – stitch corner to corner and trim off excess – press to outside of block

<u>To finish your Asian lantern quilt:</u>

You can group like-colored lantern blocks together either horizontally or vertically as illustrated a top of page. If you want to make top and bottom sections for these lanterns, make a strip set as illustrated below and cut into 1 $\frac{1}{2}$" inch sections. If your lantern is long and skinny (upper right illustration*), stitch the black top and bottom strips into place and trim away the excess cream fabric along edge.

Use varying widths of cream spacing strips to separate your lanterns into a pleasing design for your quilt top.

strip set :

cream fabric - cut 2 $\frac{1}{4}$" wide
black fabric – cut 2 $\frac{1}{2}$" wide
cream fabric - cut 2 $\frac{1}{4}$" wide