## APRIL 2016 BLOCK OF THE MONTH: RANELL HANSEN'S 2015 ALZHEIMER'S BLOCK REVISITED

This block uses 2½" strips. You might use left-over jelly roll strips, or choose fabrics from other projects. Separate them into lights and darks. Choose four lights and four darks. Any color combination will do, but try to choose colors that are clear, not greyed. Use prints or solids or a combination of both. Be sure you have a good contrast between your lights and darks: value is key to this block's working.



Cut four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " light-colored strips and four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " dark strips. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams throughout, sew the four light strips to each other, creating the light block. Then make the other dark block. Press all the seams in one direction.

Draw a line from the bottom corner to the top corner on the **back** of the light block. Then place the light block and the dark block right sides together, nesting the seams and keeping the light block on top. Pin. Now sew a seam a scant ¼" inch from one side of the drawn line, not on the line, being careful not to stretch as you sew. Turn the block around and sew a second seam, again a scant ¼" away from the other side of the line. Cut on the solid line to create two blocks.





Press the center seams to one side. Square up the block to measure  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". Each BoM entry will consist of two blocks. Make as many as you like. If you cut strips the full width of the fabric, you can make lots of these. Just make two strip sets and then cut them every  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

