

2017-18 Empire Raffle Quilt: X and Plus Block



Our block this year is the X and Plus block. This 10.5" unfinished block is easy to make and we want it to be bright and full of scrappy color. The block can be cut and pieced in less than an hour. We are asking you to choose your own fabric, and using our value scheme—bright, dark, medium, and a white or cream, cream, (tone on tone white/cream is fine as long as it appears solid). **Value is dependent only upon your choice of colors in your block.** If you want to know if your color scheme has the right value, send a text to 646-588-1600, and you'll get either a thumbs up, or a recommendation.

You can do a Google search to see the X plus block, see our Empire Raffle Quilt board on Pinterest, or check the EQG website (empirequilters.net) to see the block.

Here's what you need:

(4) 4½" squares BRIGHT	(8) 2½" squares WH or CRM TONE ON TONE OK	(2) 2½" squares DARK	(4) 2½" squares MEDIUM
(1) 2 ½" X 6 ½" rectangle DARK			

1. On your **white** 2 ½" square, fold them in half diagonally and finger press.
2. Place one white square in a corner of the **BRIGHT** 4 ½" square with right sides facing.
3. Sew along fold line, then trim, leaving a ¼" seam. Press your seam toward bright fabric.
4. Repeat steps 2-4, placing the second square diagonally opposite your first square.
5. Pair one **MEDIUM** square with a **DARK** square.
6. Sew a ¼" seam. Press toward the dark fabric.
7. Repeat steps 6-8.
10. Pair the **DARK** rectangle with the remaining **MEDIUM** squares, sewing one **MEDIUM** square to each of the short ends.
11. Assemble as shown, using ¼" seams.