Winners’ Circle:
Drawings will be held at the Saturday meetings – for multiples of 12, we will split into 12, we will have multiple winners!

Block of the Month – November 2010
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Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will sew up as 12” blocks (12 ½” unfinished). We suggest that you make an extra block in your favorite colors to keep. At the end of the year, you’ll have enough blocks for your own sampler quilt.

Patience Corners
From Ladies’ Art Company Block Tool by Connie Chunn (C & T Publishing, 2007) #90.

Fabrics: Choose one that reads red, one that reads black, and one that reads grey. The black and grey should offer a fairly large contrast--one is clearly lighter than the other. Please use pre-washed cotton. Prints or solids.

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows (dimensions are same for black & grey):

Red:
A – (2) 4 ¾” x 4 ¾” squares for center squares on point
B – (2) 3 7/8” squares for corner half-square triangles
C – (2) 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles to make Flying Geese

Black:
D – (2) 3 ¾” x 3 ¾” squares; cut once on diagonal (4 triangles)
E – (2) 3 ½” x 3 ½” squares to make Flying Geese
F – (1) 3 7/8” square for corner half-square triangles

Grey:
G – (2) 3 ¾” x 3 ¾” squares; cut once on diagonal (4 triangles)
H – (2) 3 ½” x 3 ½” squares to make Flying Geese
I – (1) 3 7/8” square for corner half-square triangles

Assembly:
1. Make half-square triangles.* Use one red (B) with one black (F) 3 7/8” square, and one red (B) with one grey (I) 3 7/8” square. After cutting apart, press carefully; trim to 3 ½” square. These are the four corners.
2. Make two Flying Geese units with a black triangle (E) on the right side, and a grey triangle (H) on the left side of the red rectangle. Both of the Flying Geese units will be identical.
3. Two red Square-on-point units. Using the triangles from the 3 ¾” black (D) and grey (G) fabrics, sew the black triangles to opposite sides of the 4 ¾” squares (A), matching the center of the square with the center of the long edge of the triangle. Press triangles up. Now, using the two grey fabrics, repeat the process on the opposite sides of the red square. Make two identical Square-on-point units.
4. Sew one red/black half-square triangle to the grey edge of the Flying Geese, matching the 3 ½” side. Repeat on the other end of the Flying Geese, having the black meet the grey. (You will do this twice – one for each side of the block.)
5. Join the two Squares-on-Point units along one side. Make sure that where the two join, you’ve got a grey triangle touching a black triangle. This is the middle section of the block.
6. Attach the Flying Geese strips to the Square-on-Point units, matching seams and centers of the points. See diagram to make sure you’re positioning the blacks and greys in the proper positions.
7. Press the whole block carefully. If you’ve sewn using a scant ¼” seam everywhere, your block should measure 12 ½” (unfinished size).

* Half-square triangles – right sides together, draw a diagonal line, sew ¼” seam on each side of the line, cut on line.

Quick Tip: when sewing a piece that’s cut on the bias to a piece that’s cut on the straight of the goods, put the bias piece on the bottom. The feed-dogs of the sewing machine will take up any extra fabric that might stretch out of place.