

## March Block of the Month Crow's Nest

This month we are going to practice the easy half square triangle technique and strip piecing. You will need three fabrics:

- green
- purple
- gold

We'll all be making our blocks using the colors as specified at the above left. When the blocks are set it should make an interesting secondary pattern.

### CUTTING:

- 1 - 3.5" squares of green fabric
- 2 - 3-7/8" squares green fabric
- 2 - 3-7/8" squares gold fabric
- 2 - strips 14" x 1.5" purple fabric
- 1 - strip 14" x 1.5" gold fabric

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of both gold 3-7/8" squares as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1

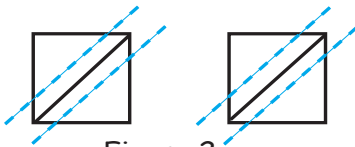


Figure 2

### SEWING:

With right sides together, sew one gold 3-7/8" square to one green 3-7/8" square. Sew one quarter-inch from the marked diagonal line on the back of the gold square. Now sew one quarter inch from the other side (see the blue lines in Fig. 2).

Now cut (on the solid drawn line) the squares on the diagonal. Press toward the green fabric. As shown in Figure 3. Now repeat with remaining gold and green 3-7/8" squares



Figure 3

Now sew the strips together purple, gold, purple. Press the seams toward the purple. Cut into four equal squares at 3.5" each.

Now sew together as shown in the block at the top left hand corner of this page.

### HINT:

Be VERY sure that you are using a scant 1/4" seam. This is MOST important and that your seam is consistent throughout your block. Check this after each seam. Then measure your block when you are finished. Your block should measure 9.5" (unfinished).