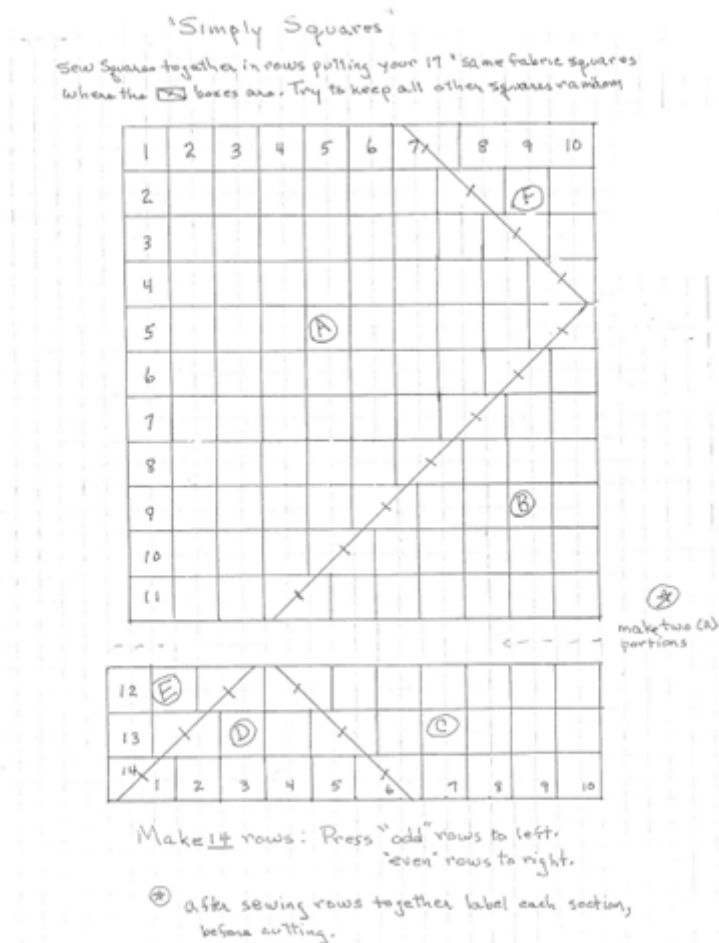


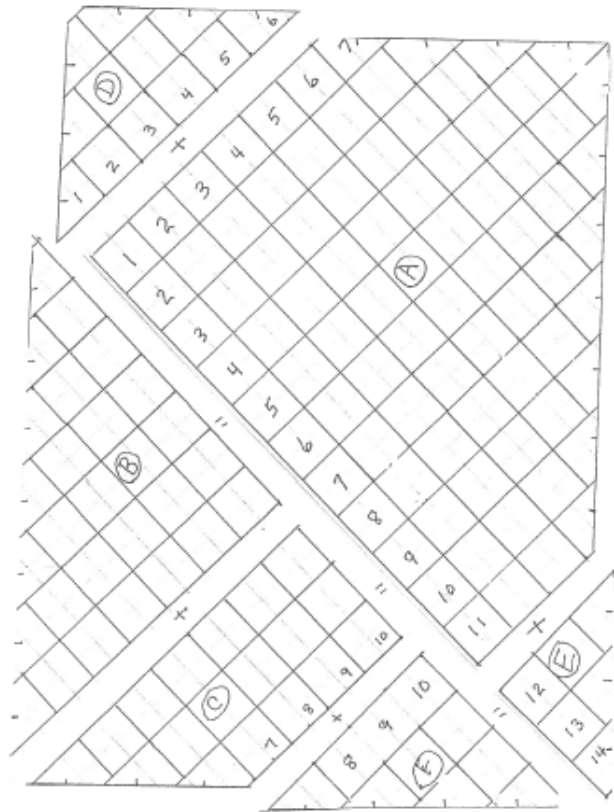
Evening Charity Group and "Simply Squares"

Last year, an anonymous donor left about 500 $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares in the giving closet. I pulled out an old pattern a former guild member had given me – and I'd like to share it with you now. The pattern is called "Simply Squares" and goes together in rows with a rectangle strategically placed in each row (the bottom portion has two rectangles per row). There are two separate portions (rows 1-11 and rows 12-14). The pattern uses 123 random $6\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and 17 $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.



The 17 rectangles should be from the same fabric (in my case, forest green). The picture shows the two sections from the last top I made.

The two sections are next cut through the middle of the rectangles and reassembled as shown below. The cut rectangles become the border for the now “on point” quilt.



Join sections D+A+E and B+C+F



I tend to throw any fabrics together. The only planning I do is to try to distribute the lights and darks randomly. Using 6 ½” squares, the top is approximately 64” x 88”. The edges will be uneven after re-piecing and I do trim them to 1/4” past the points for binding.

So enjoy making one for yourself – or feel free to leave those 6 ½ inch squares in the giving closet for us! .Maryann