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This month we'll create 10-1/2" blocks ( $10^{\prime \prime}$ in finished quilt) using strips of cool-colored solid fabrics set against a white background. All by itself, this block doesn't look much like a grid, but we're hoping that with your help, it will live up to its name at the March meeting.

FABRIC:

- SOLIDS in the "cool" family...blue, green, purple, violet, etc. You can also use tone-on-tone fabrics or fabrics with a very small print that read as solid. You'll need four different colors.
- WHITE or WHITE-ON-WHITE.

Just make sure the white has no other colors in it.

## CUTTING:

From each of the 4 solids:

- Cut one (1) $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$ strip.

From the white:

- Cut four (4) $4 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares

■ Cut one (1) $\mathbf{2 ¹ ⁄ 2}^{2 \prime \prime}$ square


SEWING:
Sew the four colored strips together along their lengths and press the seams toward the darker fabrics. Next, place that unit on your cutting board and slice it to create four (4) units that each measure $2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ by $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ (You'll be able to trim away the edges because we cut the strips a little long, just to be safe.)


Lay out the units and the white squares as shown in the photo, and sew them together in rows, pressing toward the darker fabrics.


Finally, sew the three strips together to create the finished block.


