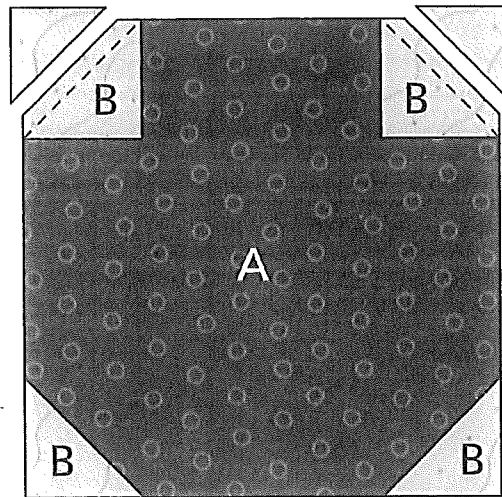
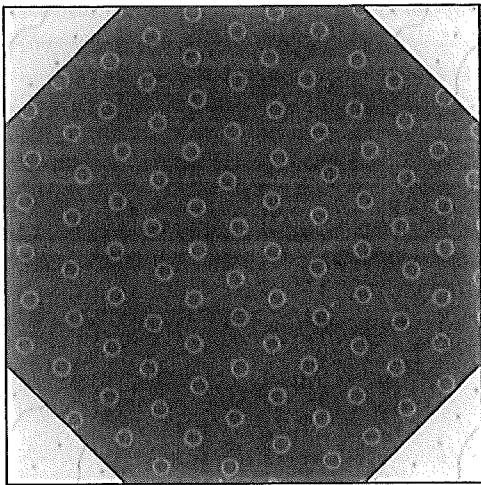


MONADNOCK QUILTERS' GUILD  
Block of the Month – January, 2012

## DIRTY SNOWBALLS!

*This pattern should result in a block that measures 12½" when completed,  
and will finish as a 12" block when stitched into a quilt.*

This block was formally recorded in 1928 in the *Ladies' Art Company* periodical and has also been known as "Flagstones", "Four and Nine Patch", and "Tile Puzzle". When pieced with a dark center it is often referred to as a "Virginia Snowball". How can snow in Virginia be dirtier than old snow in New England?



- + Cut one 12½" square from black fabric. [see, A, above]
- + Cut 3½" squares from four (4) different BRIGHT, BOLD, (wowie!) prints. [see, B, above]
- + Place each of the small squares, right sides together, on the large square.
- + Draw a line, corner-to-corner, on the small square for the sewing line; you can also easily "eyeball" the sewing line; or, try folding the small squares in half diagonally and pressing.
- + Trim the seam to ¼" and press the triangle out to form the finished corner.
- + Repeat four times per block.
- + Ta-daah, a finished Dirty Snowball bock!
- + For ease of sewing into a Cozy Cover, please square up your block to 12½"! Many thanks.

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