**2015 BBQY Block of the Month - - August**

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Cutting Instructions:

* Cut 4 light or background squares 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"  (I know I left them out of the picture)
* Cut 2 light or background squares 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"
* Cut 4 light or background rectangles 2" x 5 3/4"
* Cut 2 dark squares 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"
* Cut 4 light or medium print squares 4" x 4"
* Cut 1 dark or medium 2nd color for center square 2" x 2"

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More drawing :)  This time draw two diagonal lines on the wrong side of the light background 5 1/4" squares, crossing in the center.

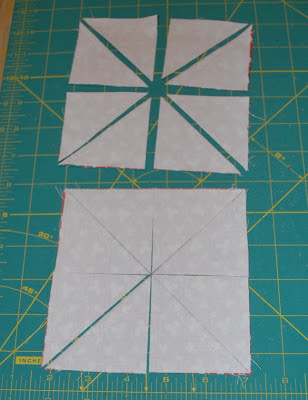
 Match up the 2 light or background 5 1/4" squares with the 2 dark or medium/print 5 1/4" squares, right sides together.

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 Stitch a 1/4" seam along each side of the two pencil lines.  Press flat. Click on the picture for a better view.

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First cut the square into four squares.   With your rotary cutter and ruler, make a vertical cut right down the center (at the 2 5/8 mark) of the square.  Then without moving the squares, make another cut horizontally through the center - again at the 2 5/8" mark.  You should have four 2 5/8" squares.  DON'T SEPARATE THEM.  I pulled them apart just a little so that you could see the cuts.

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 Next make diagonal cuts RIGHT ON the pencil lines that you made. Walaaaa!  You now have 8 half-square triangles per large square.  Press each half-square triangle open, with the seam towards the print. Trim the dog ears.  Each half-square triangle should measure 2 1/4" square.

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 Assemble the "paw" first.  Make sure the triangles are in the correct direction.  
 Stitch one light or background 2 1/4" square to a half-square triangle.  Add another half-square triangle.  Just like row one. Press seams towards the light or background square.  
Next sew two half-square triangles together making a vertical row as seen in the lower left.  Press the seams towards the top.

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 Sew the vertical row of two half-square triangles to the 4" print square.  Press the seam to the print square.

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 Add the top row.   Press the seams towards the larger print square.  Each "Paw" patch should measure 5 3/4" square.

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 It is a brave girl that lets you see the back of her quilt square.    Sew 3 more "Paw" patches.  Make sure you watch the placement of the half-square triangles.  It is easy to turn them around.

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Arrange the "Paw" patches into the Bear's Paw block.  Add the light or background rectangles and center square.

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 Stitch the units together in rows matching center seams.  Press the seams towards the rectangle patches.  note - The center print square seams are pressed towards the top of the block and the bottom.

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And there you have it.....