



### C-R-A-Z-Y blocks

- Start with a **foundation that is about 13" sq**—you will have some shrinkage when you add the decorative stitches. Pencil a 12.5" sq. on the foundation just so you can track that you have enough fabric for edges, etc.
- Works best when center block is **uneven sides** (trapezoid, etc)
- Glue baste your center , lay your 2<sup>nd</sup> fabric along
- Avoid “Y” seams, start with a fabric that will line up with one side of your center and build out from there. Fold back the foundation and trim off a fabric in order to add in another fabric. Work from the center out.
- Avoid “matchy-matchy”! remember this is a Crazy Quilt!
- AFTER you piece, **use the variety of stitches on your machine** to decorate the seams—even varying the width of the zigzag can produce different stitches. You may also want to make this a *Slow* experience and **HANDSTITCH** embroidery stitches on top of your piecing seams.
- Using different colors of thread on your decorative stitching makes your block fancier!
- Be sure to EITHER back/lock stitch all seams or stitch 1/8" around the outside of block to prevent your seams from popping.