## March BOM 2023: Fabric Weaving

## Fabric Requirements:

$21 / 2 "$ strips in 2 contrasting colors (You will need about 100 "to $120 "$ in each color)
2 each $5 " \times 5 "$ squares in a color that matches the 2 contrasting colors
1 piece $9 " \times 9 "$ fabric in any color, you will see this when you are done
12 " $\times 12$ " cork board or foam core board to attach the block to while working on it
(You can also use your design wall for the weaving part of the project)

Fold your $21 / 2 \ggg$ strips in half, right sides facing, starch and iron
Sew along raw edges with a $1 / 4$ " seam to make a tube
Turn inside out, iron, with seam in the middle of the folded strip
Cut 3 pieces 8 " each color and set the rest aside for now
Place the $9 "$ square on the cork board and secure with thumb tack or tape
Pin the 3 strips to the cork board, one next to the other horizontally (One color)
Do the same with the other color strips vertically
Both horizontal and vertical strips should be pinned so the center line of each strip meets in the middle of the fabric square

Take one of the vertical middle strips and weave thru the horizontal strip (Over-under-over) pinning each strip to the cork board to secure

Continue to pin the rest of the strips as close to each other as possible. Weave and pin
Your strips will get shorter and shorter as they are woven, so cut these to size as you go
To keep the strips from moving as you weave, you may use a dab of glue on the strips already woven to keep them straight and close to each other. The fabric square you are pinning the strips to should not be seen thru the weave

This is a simple block to create and I have done this taking into consideration the other projects we are all working on this month.

There will be samples and a demonstration at our next meeting.


