

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - 2022/2023 SEASON

All blocks of the month will be made from 16 3½" Half Square Triangles and will measure 12½" (12" finished) . We will be making two blocks each month, with the last two in January. This will give you enough time to complete a quilt for our Quilt Show in April, 2023.

We have made each sample block using the same colour family, with either two or three shade variations (light, medium, dark). We will provide you with the block layout as we have prepared them, but we encourage you to play around with the colour layout to see what is most pleasing to you.

Following are two methods for making the HSTs:

Method One:

Cut two 4 1/4" squares - one white and one of your chosen colour;
Place the two squares right sides together;
Draw a line from corner to corner on the back of one square;
Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn line;
Cut square along drawn line;
Trim to 3½" and clip corners;
This will give you 2 HSTs.

Method Two:

Cut to squares 5 3/4" - one white and one of your chosen colour;
Place the two squares right sides together;
Sew 1/4" all the way around the square;
Cut corner to corner on both diagonals;
Trim to 3½" and clip corners;
This will give you 4 HSTs.

****With this method all of your HSTs are cut on the diagonal and therefore there is potential for stretching, so be careful not to pull on the fabric as you are sewing.**

Sewing and Finishing Instructions for all Blocks:

Lay Column 2 HSTs over Column 1 HSTs right sides together and chain piece;
Lay Column 4 HSTs over Column 3 HSTs right sides together and chain piece;
Lay Column 3 HSTs over Column 2 HSTs right sides together and chain piece;
DO NOT CLIP THREADS BETWEEN SQUARES AFTER SEWING TOGETHER

Press seams of each row separately, alternating the direction of each seam, i.e left, right, left on the first row; right, left, right on the second row; repeat for rows 3 and 4. The arrows in the layout instructions indicate direction for pressing seams.

Sew the rows, butting the seams together.

Clip threads where corners of each square meet, open the intersections of the seams, spinning the intersection, and press. This will help to make the block lie flatter where the corners meet.

This is the method of sewing/finishing we use, but feel free to put your block together in whatever way you are comfortable doing.

Please keep these two pages of instructions for subsequent months as we will not be repeating it every month. You can print them, bookmark them, or refer back to them on the Guild website each month when you are making your blocks.

At our April, 2023 meeting we will display the finished quilts. Members will vote for their favourites and prizes will be awarded.

If you have any questions, please give Emma (613-433-3753) or Mary (613-646-7431) a call; we will be happy to assist you.

We hope you enjoy making these blocks and look forward to seeing the finished quilts in April.