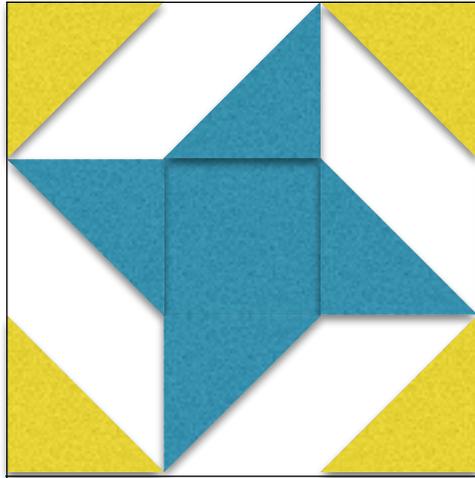


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The Basics:

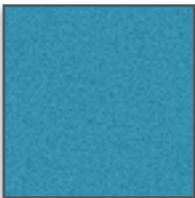
- * Finished block is 6 1/2" square
- * All fabrics should be muted tones, either pastels or deeper colors will work and either solids or small prints. Civil war or calico fabrics would work great for this. Also, nondirectional fabrics will be easier to work with.
- * Each block should be comprised of just three fabrics. For example, all four yellow triangles should be the same fabric, not four fabrics of the same color.
- * Beige thread should be used throughout all blocks, lighter or darker as you see fit.
- * Scant 1/4" seams should be used throughout.



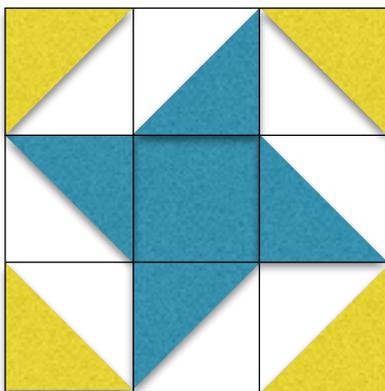
Block A: Make four HST blocks that are 2 1/2" square when finished. Use your favorite method, or use the more detailed directions on the next page. The yellow triangle in the diagram should be a brown or beige fabric. The white should be a cream or white fabric (just be sure it contrasts with the other fabric). Press seam towards the yellow.



Block B: Make four HST blocks that are 2 1/2" square when finished. Use your favorite method, or use the more detailed directions below. The blue triangle in the diagram can be any color fabric that contrasts well with the others in the block. The white should be the same fabric used for block A. Press seam towards the blue.

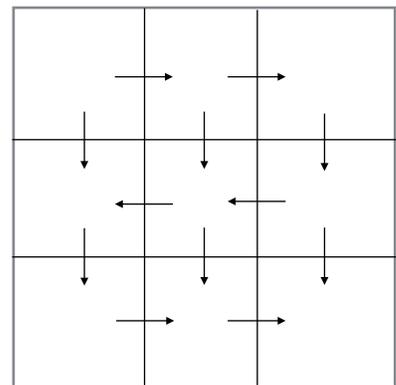


Block C: Cut one 2 1/2" square. Use the same fabric used for the blue part of block B.



To combine pieces, arrange as shown on the diagram at left. Sew each row together, then sew the rows together. Press in the direction of the arrows as shown at right.

Once your block is finished, double check it to make sure it is 6 1/2" square, trim if necessary.

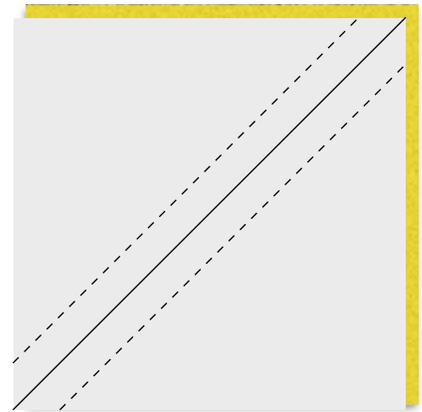


(Back of block shown)

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Half square triangles (HSTs) are simply a square made up of two triangles. To create the four HSTs for block A, follow these steps:

1. Cut two squares of your brown or beige fabric, each 3 1/2" square.
2. Cut two squares of your cream or white fabric, each 3 1/2" square.
3. Select one square of each of the two colors. Lay them right sides together and line up the edges. You may wish to add a couple of pins.
4. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner of the top square, creating a diagonal line across the block (line "A" in diagram). Add a line 1/4" away from the line A (line "B"). Add a second line 1/4" away, on the opposite side of the line (also line "B").



Line A ——— (cutting line)
Line B - - - - (sewing line)

5. Sew down one line B. Turn the block around and sew down the second line B. It does not matter which is first or second.
6. Cut down line A to cut the square in half. Open each half and you'll have two HSTs.
7. Press your seams toward the darker fabric.
8. Trim your HSTs down to 2 1/2" square. Be sure the diagonal seam still goes corner to corner.
9. Repeat with the other two squares so you have for a total of four identical HSTs.
10. Repeat the steps to create the four HSTs for block B.

Questions? Feel free to email me at smclarkson@gmail.com.

Bring any finished blocks to the January 23rd meeting to participate in the drawing. Remember to have fun, and best of luck on the drawing.