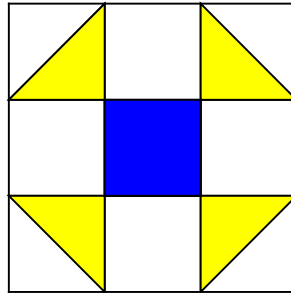


Block of the Month - March 2003

Shoo Fly



Description:

The Shoo Fly Block is made from squares and half-square triangles. The half-square triangles may be cut and pieced in the traditional method or 4" finished Half-square Triangles on a Roll or 4" finished Thangles may be used

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Color A: Main Color, one strip 11" long by 6" wide

Color B: Coordinating Color, 5" square

Color C: Background, one strip 35" long by 6" wide,

Cutting and Piecing:

1. From your background fabric cut 4 - 4.5" squares.
2. From your coordinating fabric cut 1 - 4.5" square.
3. If using Triangles on a Roll, cut a piece of your background and your focus fabric 10" by 5". For a little extra more ease in placement of the pattern cut your fabric 10½" by 5½".
4. If using Thangles, cut a piece of your background and your focus fabric 10" by 5"
5. Piece 4 half-square triangle blocks by which ever method you have chosen. After they are complete measure to make sure that they measure at 4.5" unfinished.
6. Sew each row together as shown in the diagram at the top. For the top and bottom rows, press the seams toward the center block. With the middle row, press the seams away from the middle block. This will make matching your seams easier.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and making half-square triangles.