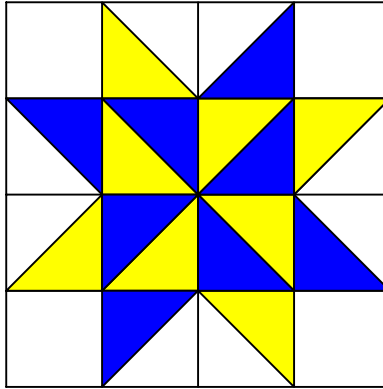


Block of the Month - October 2003

Variation 2 on the Friendship Star



Description:

The 12" Nine Patch Block is made from 9 squares. This block may be pieced by cutting the individual squares, or by strip piecing.

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Yellow: Focus Fabric, one strip 9" wide by 10" long

Blue: Coordinating Color 1, one strip 9" wide by 10" long

White: Background, one strip 9" wide by 18" long

Note: fabric allowances are given for usage of either Triangles on a Roll. If making the blocks without use of these or with Thangles, then you may need a little more fabric than what is listed in the pattern.

Cutting:

Background Fabric (Shown in White)	2 - 9" by 4 1/2" rectangles 4 - 3 1/2" by 3 1/2" squares
Focus Fabric (Shown in Yellow)	2 - 9" by 4 1/2" rectangles
Coordinate 1 (shown in Blue)	2 - 9" by 4 1/2" rectangles

Piecing:

1. Sew 4 - 3 1/2" unfinished (3" finished) Half-Square triangle blocks using the 1 of the Focus Fabric and 1 of the Background Fabric rectangles. Use your favorite method to do this. Press the seams toward the darker fabric and set aside. These are your HS #1 blocks.
2. Sew 4 - 3 1/2" unfinished (3" finished) Half-Square triangle blocks using the Coordinating Fabric and the remaining Background Fabric rectangle. Use your favorite method to do

this. Press the seams toward the darker fabric and set aside. These are your HS #2 blocks.

3. Sew 4 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (3" finished) Half-Square triangle blocks using the remaining Coordinating Fabric and the Focus Fabric rectangles. Use your favorite method to do this. Press the seams toward the darker fabric and set aside. These are your HS #3 blocks.
4. Sewing the Rows together -
 - Rows 1 and 4 - Background square, HS #1, HS #2, Background square
 - Row 2 - HS #2, HS #3, HS #3, HS #1
 - Row 3 - HS #1, HS #3, HS #3, HS #2

Note: be sure to make sure that the half-square triangles sewn together in the same direction that are shown in the block picture at the top.
5. Sew the 4 rows together in the order shown in the block picture at the top.

Note: Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam

Making Half-Square Triangles