

## MAY RAFFLE BLOCK – BRIGHT HOPES

This is an exercise in how to do a partial seam, set in a block and it is fun!

Honestly, the trickiest part of this block is remembering to add the rectangles in the same order. If you were making a whole bunch of them, it'd be easy to start with the first batch going clockwise around the center and at your second sitting add them counter-clockwise. In other words add your blocks always turning in a consistent direction (clockwise).

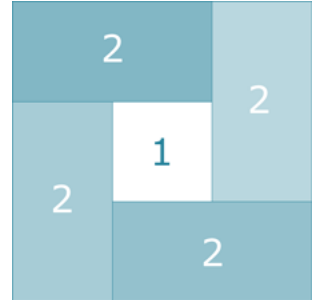
But that's as hard as it gets.

Cutting- 1 2 ½" light batik square (#1)

4 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles of different bright batiks (#2)

Construction Instructions:

1. Seam Allowances (SA) ¼"
2. Press all seams away from the center square
3. Sew with a 2.0 stitch length
4. Finished block size 6 ½" including SA



\*\*\*After cutting, it's helpful to layout your patches as they'll be sewn. Remember this block is constructed by adding patches in a clockwise fashion.

### Step 1: Sew the Partial Seam

Sew the first patch to the center, beginning from roughly the middle of the center patch and locking your starting stitches. If you are machine stitching, you can sew straight off the end of the fabric as you usually do. Finger-press the away from the center block.



### Step 2: Add Patches in Sequence

By sewing the partial seam, you now have a complete side to which you can sew the next patch. Sew, finger-press the seam towards the center block and continue to the next patch. Continue sewing patches in this fashion. When sewing the last patch to the center, be sure to fold the partially sewn patch out of the way.



### Step 3: Complete the Partial Seam

After sewing the last patch to the center, you can finish stitching the partial seam to complete the block



\*\*Repeat as many times as you like. Remember each block submitted increases your chance of winning. When I make multiple blocks I bring some address labels, one for each block made. I affix them to the little raffle papers. I hate writing my name over and over ☺