RAFFLE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

MAY 2018

BLOCK - 9 Patch of Half Square Triangles (HST)

We will use two different methods to create 9 HST and trim them down to size (4 ½”). You will have one HST square left over.

SIZE - 12” finished (12 ½” unfinished- each square 4 ½”)

FABRIC CHOICES- one light and one medium “Spring” feeling fabric

CUTTING - 1 10” and 1 5” square each light and medium fabric

SEWING - please use a ¼” sea allowance and 2mm stitch length

1. Make 2 HST squares at a time
   a. Layer the 5” squares right sides together with the light on top
   b. Draw a straight line diagonally through the center with a sharp pencil and a ruler. If you have the Seams Easy or other tool you use to mark the sewing lines please use it.
   c. Stitch a scant ¼” on each side of the line and cut apart for 2 HST.
   d. Press towards the darker fabric (you can make all 9 this way if you like) OR

2. Make 8 HST squares at a time
   a. Layer the 10” squares right sides together with the light on top.
   b. draw a diagonal line in both directions
   c. Stitch a scant ¼” on each side of the lines.
   d. Cut the squares in both directions horizontally and vertically
   e. Cut the squares diagonally corner to corner
   f. Press seams towards darker fabric

3. Trim all the blocks to 4 ½”

   There are many specialty rulers and if you have a favorite please use it.
   To use a regular square ruler to trim blocks line up the diagonal line along the diagonal seam of the block and trim in both directions for a perfect 4 ½” block.

4. Assemble the block - lay all HST right side up (!) and oriented in the same direction. Sew together as for a nine patch.

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