



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). You will have one HST square left over.

SIZE - 12" finished (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished- each square 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " sea allowance and 2mm stitch length

1. Make 2 HST squares at a time

- Layer the 5" squares right sides together with the light on top
- 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.
- Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line and cut apart for 2 HST.
- Press towards the darker fabric (you can make all 9 this way if you like) **OR**



2. Make 8 HST squares at a time

- Layer the 10" squares right sides together with the light on top.
- draw a diagonal line in both directions
- Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the lines.
- Cut the squares in both directions horizontally and vertically **d**
- Cut the squares diagonally corner to corner
- Press seams towards darker fabric



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3. Trim all the blocks to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " block.



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

