

Smithtown Stitchers 2021 Block of the Month

Welcome to ***Adventures in Color – a new block every month!!!***

For this year's BOM, you will need 7 different fabrics. For help in choosing your fabrics, start with your 2 favorite colors. You will need a medium(M) and dark(D) of each of these. We will refer to these as ***1M, 1D, 2M, and 2D***. Now pick 3 fabrics that will contrast with each of colors 1 and 2. These three fabrics will be referred to as ***#3, #4, and #5***.

Each 12 ½" block will consist of (28) half square triangles (HST) that finish at 2" and (8) 2" squares, so you will want to avoid any large print fabrics.

How much of each will you need fabric?? Are you a minimalist or do you play on the side of safety?? Without ANY room for error, the twelve blocks require a minimum of:

1M – 22 ½", 1D – 22 ½", 2M – 26", 2D – 16 ½", #3 – 16 ½", #4 – 15", #5 – 22 ½"

I purchased a yard each of 1M, 1D, and 2M, and went with ¾ each of a yard for the remaining fabrics, but I am prone to mis-cutting and don't mind adding to my stash. Speaking of which – you can use fabrics from your stash. Suppose you choose yellow as one of your contrasts, you can use different yellow fabrics, as long as they 'read' the same yellow.

Making HSTs

There are numerous tutorials on line and in quilting magazines, and you can always use your Go Cutter. One tried and true method for making (two) 2 ½" HST (finish at 2") is to cut a 3" square of EACH color of that HST. Mark a diagonal on the wrong side of the lighter fabric. Place right sides together and stitch ¼" away from each side of your drawn line. Cut on the diagonal, press to one side, and trim to 2 ½".

Each month we will give you a diagram of your block and the needed combinations of HSTs and where to place them.

As always, there will be a drawing each month for completed squares, and a final drawing in March 2022 (!!) for completed tops or finished quilts.

First set of directions will be in the December Stash and on our website.