

BLOCK PARTY – JUNE 2022

Monochromatic Block

Bonny Ackroyd suggested this monochromatic block with light, medium and dark values of one color. For this month's blocks, choose warm colors: yellow, gold, orange or rust. The placement of these values gives the block a folded look. Use solid, blenders or small prints. For the background, use either a very light value of your chosen color—or off white.

Cutting:

- A. Background: very pale or off white
 - Two 3 7/8-inch squares
 - Four 2 x 3.5-inch rectangles
- B. Medium value
 - Two 3 7/8-inch squares
- C. Dark value
 - One 3.5-inch square
 - Eight 2-inch squares
- D. Light value
 - Four 2 x 3.5-inch rectangles



Assembly: (all seams are a scant quarter inch)

1. Lay one background square atop one medium value square, right sides together. Draw a line from corner to corner; sew a scant 1/4-inch on each side of the line. Cut on the drawn line. Press to the dark side. Repeat with the remaining background square and medium value square, making a total of four 3.5-inch half square triangles. These become the 4 corner squares of the block.
2. Create four flying geese units: Position one dark 2-inch square on a corner of a background rectangle. Draw a line from bottom left side of the square to the top of the square. Sew just to the outside of the drawn line. Press the dark square to the top and trim the seam to 1/4-inch. Repeat with another dark square on the opposite top corner of the background rectangle. Press well. Repeat these steps to make four flying geese units;
3. Sew one light value rectangle to each flying geese unit with the dark points facing out. (The background fabric should always be on the outer edge of the block.) This unit should measure 3.5-inches. Press to the rectangle with the flying geese seams smooth.
4. Arrange the units as shown in the picture. Rows 1 and 3 (top and bottom) will have 1 half square triangle unit, 1 flying geese unit, then another half square triangle unit. Row 2 (center row) will have 1 flying geese unit, the dark value 3.5-inch square, and the last flying geese unit.
5. Stitch the units of rows 1 and 3; press seams to the dark (outside). Stitch row 2, press seams to the dark (inside).
6. Stitch the rows together, carefully matching seams. Press well. **Finished block will be 9.5-inches square.**

To participate in the June Block Party, make the block as described; mail or drop off to **Karel Peer**. Your name will be entered once for each block received (enclose a note if you don't want your name in the drawing). Blocks must be received by June 25th. The winner will be drawn and announced at the June 27th SCVQA meeting with pictures of the blocks and the winner's name in the July newsletter.

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