

BLOCK PARTY – FEBRUARY 2022 – POSITIVITY

With this year off to a bit of a rocky start, let's make the choice to stay positive! This block was inspired by the following quilt blog, but I enlarged it. Here is the blog – you might also enjoy her work!

<https://sewpreeti quilts.blogspot.com/2021/05/the-positivity-qal-blocks-construction.html>

Cutting:

- A. Background – light or white fabric:
 - Four 5.5 inch squares
 - Four 3 inch squares
- B. Plus Sign and Snowball corners – Red fabric
 - One 3 by 8 inch rectangle
 - Six 3 inch squares

Sewing: All seams are a quarter inch.

1. Arrange the pieces as in the picture to make the Plus sign. .
2. Sew one 3 inch light and one 3 inch red square together. Repeat with the other 3 inch light and red squares. Press both pairs with seams toward the red squares.
3. Position and sew one 5.5 inch light square on the long side of one pair from step 2. Then sew a 5.5 inch light square on the other side of the red/light pair. Repeat this process with the other red/light pair from step 2. Press toward the 5.5 inch light squares. .
4. Sew a 3 inch light square on either end of the red 3 x 8 inch rectangle and press toward the white squares.
5. Position and sew one unit from step 3 onto the long side of the step 4 unit. Repeat by sewing the other unit 3 onto the other side of unit 4 to form the Plus sign. Press toward the 5.5 inch squares.
6. To make the snowball corners, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the remaining four 3 inch red squares. Position one on each corner of the plus block and sew along the diagonal line. Trim one quarter inch from the seam then, press toward the outer corner.
7. The block will measure 13 inches square.

To participate in the February Block Party, make a Positivity 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 February 26. The winner will be drawn and announced at the February 28th SCVQA meeting with pictures of the blocks and the winner's name in the February newsletter.

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