**BLOCK PARTY – JANUARY 2023**

It will be wonderful to meet again in person after such a long break and I think this “Sister” block is quite fitting. Please visit the following blog – it has extensive, pictorial instructions and was the inspiration for this month’s International Sister Block:

[**https://sewpreetiquilts.blogspot.com/2019/05/international-sister-block.html**](https://sewpreetiquilts.blogspot.com/2019/05/international-sister-block.html)

 **A. Dress**

- One 7 inch square (dress

- Two 1.5” x 4” rectangles (sleeves)

- One 2” x 2.5”, one 2” x 4” (headdress)

1. Face & Hands:

- One 2.5” square (face)

- Two 1.5” squares (palms)

1. Background

– Two 1.5” x 3.5” rectangles

– Two 3” x 7” rectangles

**Assembly (all seams are a quarter inch, press seams open, RST means Right Sides Together):**

1. Lay out pieces as per the photo.
2. To make the palm segments: Mark diagonal lines on the wrong side of both of the 1.5” squares (palms). Place one square on top of each of the 1.5” x 3.5” background rectangles (RST), with the diagonal marks going opposite (one up, one down). Sew on the line, cut a quarter inch from the seam, press open. Repeat to make the other palm segment.
3. Lay one 1.5” x 4” sleeve on top of one palm segment RST, sew where the palm & sleeve meet. Repeat with the remaining palm & sleeve.
4. Lay the 2” x 2.5” headdress on top of the 2.5” square face RST, sew and press the seam open, Lay the 2” x 4” headdress piece on top of the head segment RST, sew and press.
5. Lay out the pieces, arrange the arms with palms open or closed.
6. Sew one sleeve onto a 3” x 7” background rectangle. Repeat with the other sleeve and background rectangle.
7. Sew one sleeve unit from step 6 onto the head unit.
8. Sew the other sleeve unit onto the dress.
9. Sew the final seam to connect the dress and head units.

**The Block will measure 10.5-inches square**

To participate in the 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 Saturday, January 21. The winner will be drawn during the January meeting & will be in the February newsletter.

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