‘Shoo-fly Block’

2022 - The Secret Lives of Color Quilt along

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We are reading the book ‘The Secret Lives of Color’, by Kassia St. Clair, in 2022. Every 5 days we’ll read about a color then make a shoo-fly block with that color in it.

Be creative! You can use the same background, or scrappy Backgrounds (that is what I’m doing).

Pull from fabric you own to make the color for the block

This pattern has 3 sizes of block and I’ll do some layout options in Feb 2022.

Pick the block size YOU want to work on.
Block sizes are 9” x 9” finished, 6” x 6” finished, and 3” x 3” finished.

9” block or 6” block

or 3” block

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3” block

Pick the Size you want to make

*** Cutting & Sewing For 1 block ***

3” block version

Light Fabric - 2 Yds for all the same background fabric
- Cut 2 squares 2” x 2” for HST (Half square Triangles)
- Cut 4 squares 1.5” x 1.5”

Dark Fabric
- Cut 2 squares 2” x 2” for HST (Half square Triangles)
- Cut 1 square 1.5” x 1.5”

Directions
1) Sew a light 2” squares and a dark 2” squares Using HST method on last page.
Make 4 units - trim to 1.5” square

2) Following the diagram, sew the block using the 4 HST, the 4 light 2.5” squares, and 1 dark 1.5” square
Measures to 3.5” x 3.5” square

Make a total of 72 blocks over the year, one for each chapter of the book
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6” block

Pick the Size
you want to make

*** Cutting & Sewing For 1 block ***

6” block version

Light Fabric 3 1/4 Yds for all the same background fabric
• Cut 2 squares 3” x 3” for HST (Half square Triangles)
• Cut 4 squares 2.5” x 2.5”

Dark Fabric
• Cut 2 squares 3” x 3” for HST (Half square Triangles)
• Cut 1 square 2.5” x 2.5”

Directions
1) Sew a light 3” squares and a dark 3” squares Using HST method on last page. Make 4 units - trim to 2.5” square

2) Following the diagram, sew the block using the 4 HST, the 4 light 2.5” squares, and 1 dark 2.5” square
Measures to 6.5” x 6.5” square

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9” block

Pick the Size you want to make

*** Cutting & Sewing For 1 block ***

9” block version

Light Fabric 6 1/4 Yds for all the same background fabric
- Cut 2 squares 4” x 4” for HST (Half square Triangles)
- Cut 4 squares 3.5” x 3.5”

Dark Fabric
- Cut 2 squares 4” x 4” for HST (Half square Triangles)
- Cut 1 square 3.5” x 3.5”

Directions
1) Sew a light 4” squares and a dark 4” squares Using HST method on last page. Make 4 units - trim to 3.5” square

2) Following the diagram, sew the block using the 4 HST, the 4 light 3.5” squares, and 1 dark 3.5” square
Measures to 9.5” x 9.5” square

Make a total of 72 blocks over the year, one for each chapter of the book

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Half Square Triangles Tutorial

NOTE- For other ways to make HST units, see my book “Pat Sloan’s Teach Me to Sew Triangles”

Step 1
- Draw a line on the back of all the lighter squares

Step 2
- Layer the 2 squares
- Sew a ¼” seam on both Sides of the drawn line

Step 3
Cut on the drawn Line for 2 HST

Step 4
- Trim squares to size needed using a square ruler with a diagonal line placed on the Seam.

See my Book
“Pat Sloan’s Teach Me to Sew Triangles”
For Step by Step photos and methods to make more at one time