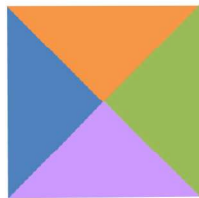


February 2024 Quilt Block

Welcome to our fourth block in our series to continue support of our Sharing Gifts Program. If you are unfamiliar with the Sharing Gifts program, please review the policy on our website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/about-us-1> (see bottom of the web page for the Sharing Gifts link).

If you missed previous blocks and are interested in making them, visit the guild's website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/resources-page-1> to download the instructions.

Our block pattern for February 2024 is the (Super Duper) **Easy Hourglass Block**.



We will be using the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make this block. Watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK8vOFzYzwM>. Block construction starts around 1:00 minute into the video and goes to 7:10 minutes.

Using this method, you will make a total of 4 hourglass blocks.

Color Way: your choice of colors/prints

What you need:

Eight different 5" squares.

Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on your ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

Step 1.

Make two 4 patches out of your eight squares.

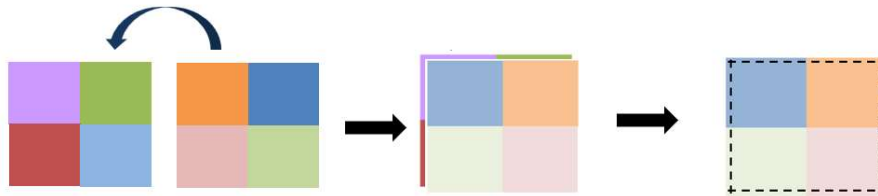
- Match up your squares into two sets of 4 and sew together to form two four patches.
- Press seams as you go.



Step 2.

Make a sandwich.

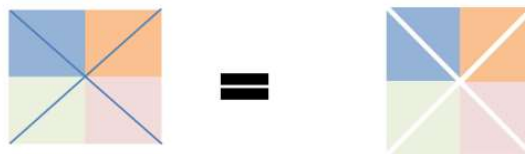
- Lay one four patch block on top of the other – right sides together to build the unit.
- Check the squares underneath the top 4 patch squares to make sure you have contrasting colors.
- Sew around the 4 edges using your scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



Step 3.

Cut the unit to reveal 4 hourglass blocks.

- Make a diagonal cut in both directions across the unit.



- Open and press each section to reveal the hourglass blocks!
- Square up to $6\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{4}$."



What a fun and quick way to make hourglass blocks! I hope you enjoyed making these.

Bring your completed block(s) to the February meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can have a friend, bring them on your behalf. You can also drop them off in the guild's basket at the Quilted Raven (top of the library shelf) no later than February 7th for the February meeting and I will pick it up and bring to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

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