

Cabin Fever Quilt Along

Part 7: Hope of Hartford

I had to search for a ten-inch block that would work with this quilt, and found Hope of Hartford on this website: www.quilterscache.com. I think it would be best if I direct you to the page for this block and let you follow their directions. The center square is sewn in with a partial seam, which makes it easier to construct the block (rather than inset seams). I think you'll enjoy making this block.

Building Blocks: Measurements are for **unfinished** units.

Scrap 1/Scrap 2/neutral: 4 squares "star points", 4-1/2"

Scrap 2: 1 square, 2-1/2"

Neutral: 4 rectangles, 2-1/2" X 4-1/2"

Cutting: These cutting instructions are to make the "star point" squares using the Tucker Trimmer. The other pieces are cut to the exact size.

For the star points: Scrap 1: Two squares 5-1/4"

Scrap 2: One square, 5-1/2"

Neutral: One square, 5-1/2"

Other pieces: Neutral: Four rectangles, 2-1/2" X 4-1/2"

Scrap 2: One square, 2-1/2"

Construction: Refer to the instructions for Mystery Star to make the star point squares. Use the Tucker Trimmer to cut them down to 4-1/2".

Using the photo as a guide, lay out the pieces for the block and sew the neutral rectangles to the star point squares. Follow the instructions on the website to sew a partial seam that positions the small Scrap 2 square in the center of the block. www.quilterscache.com/H/HopeofHartfordBlock.

Because this block is surrounded by a frame, you can press seams to the side, if you prefer.

Frame: The target size for this block, with the frame, is 12-1/2". This would call for 1-1/2" strips. I like to give myself some "wiggle" room, so I cut the frame strips 1-3/4" wide. You will need two strips, cut across the grain of the fabric. Use the block to cut the first two strips to the necessary length; sew, and press toward the frame fabric. Cut the additional two strips to length and sew and press. Use a square ruler to trim the block to 12-1/2", making sure to center the block inside the frame.

There are three more blocks that will be framed, and if you prefer to wait until they are made to select the colors for the frames, that would be fine. Remember that three of the frames will be against the inner border, so plan accordingly for your fabric choices.



