March 2024 Block of the Month - Susannah Quilt Block

Our Block will be 6-inch Finished and 6 1/2" unfinished.

You can make this block with in many sizes – if you follow the link at the bottom of the page, it will take you to Generations Quilt Pattern site where they give you 4 different sized blocks. Here is what you need for a 6-inch finished block:

Fabric 1 – Background – 3-1/2" square and four 2" squares (lightest value)

Fabric 2 – Medium value – Eight 2" squares. You will need one 2" strip for this block.

Fabric 3 – Darkest value – Four 2" squares.

Mark a line from corner to corner on 4 of the medium value squares. This is your sew line. Place a Fabric 2 Medium value square on opposite corners of your 3 ½" Background square. Sew on the marked line and press towards the corner. Trim the excess. Do the same with the remaining 2 squares on the remaining corners. This is called many different names – economy block, square in a square, fiddly... but that is just what I call it.

Stitch the remaining Fabric 2 and 3 together in pairs and press toward the darkest fabric. Makes 4 pairs.

Take two pairs and sew background squares to each end. This will be your top and bottom portion of the block. Layout as pictured here. The toughest part of this block is making sure that the center seams will match up with the points of the center economy block.



Further references for this block are:

https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/susannah-quilt-block.html

Block attributed to Beth Gutcheon