

Block of the Month

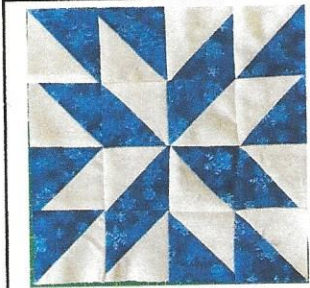
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Welcome to this year's Block of the Month project. We are going to make a simple block to represent each month of the year, January through December. Each completed block will measure 8 1/2" unfinished (8" finished). You choose the color palette and however complex you want to make the squares (plain, scrappy, embellished)

At the end of the year, we will have a sew-in to add sashing and put the top together for a calendar quilt. I am asking that you make 2 blocks: one for you to keep and one to turn into the guild. The blocks collected by the guild will be completed for charity quilts at year end. The block you make for your quilt can be as shown or a design of your choosing as long as it measures 8 1/2" unfinished.

Since we missed January, this newsletter will include the patterns for both January's Snowflake and February's Heart. I hope you will join in the fun. Can't wait to see all the variations.

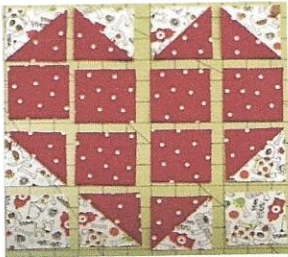
January: Snowflake



You will need 2 colors: one for the snowflake and one for the background.
Make 16 Half Square Triangles 2 1/2" unfinished.
Lay out the HST as shown and sew the rows together.
Your completed block should measure 8 1/2" square.
Feel free to substitute your own snowflake pattern but the finished block needs to measure 8 1/2" square.

February: Heart

2-fabric version



You will need 2 colors: one for the heart and one for the background.
Make 16 2 1/2" squares: 6 red, 2 white and 8 red & white HST.
Lay out the squares as shown and sew the rows together.
Your completed block should measure 8 1/2".

Scrappy version



Enjoy! Roxy Gross