

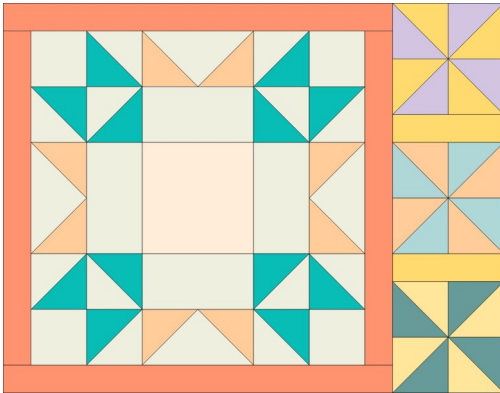


The Celebrate Quilt

Block 2

Block finishes 18" x 14" (unfinished 18½" x 14½")

This is another easy block made with the same units as last month; half-square triangles (HST) and flying geese (FG). These units will be used in most of the blocks. There are many ways to make both HST and FG. I will show one method here. If you have a favorite method, feel free to make them that way. As long as they end up the right size, construction method doesn't matter. If you are making the larger quilt, make two chunks (framed block and filler blocks. Use different fabrics for each.



Fabric Requirements for Block 1

Background: 1 fat quarter (18" x 21")

Fabric 1 (aqua): 1 strip about 3½" x 21"

Fabric 2 (coral): 1 strip about 3" x 21"

Fabric 3 (light pink): 1 square about 5" x 5"

Fabric 4 (dark coral for frame): 1 fat eighth (9" x 21")

Assorted scraps for filler blocks: (2) 2⅞" squares from each of 6 fabrics and (2) 1½" x 4½" strips for sashing between pinwheels

Cutting

Background:

cut (3) 2½" strips; sub-cut into (4) 2½" squares and (8) 2½" x 4½" rectangles

cut (1) 2⅞" strip; sub-cut into (6) 2⅞" squares

Fabric 1 (aqua):

cut (1) 2⅞" strip; sub-cut into (6) 2⅞" squares

Fabric 2 (coral):

cut (1) 2½" strip; sub-cut into (8) 2½" squares

Fabric 3 (light pink)

cut (1) 4½" square

Fabric 3 (dark coral):

Piecing:

1. Make HST for block corners. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the six 2⅞" background squares (fig. 1). Layer each right sides together (RST) with a 2⅞" Fabric 1 square and sew a ¼" seam on both sides of the drawn line (fig. 2). Cut on the drawn line and press toward fabric 1 (Fig. 3). Trim the dog ears. Yield: 12 HST. They should measure 2½" square at this point.

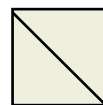


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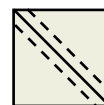


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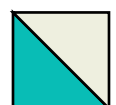


Fig. 3

2. Make corner units: follow Fig. 4 diagrams and sew HST and background squares together to make the four corner units. Press seams open. This unit should measure 4½" square. Make 4.

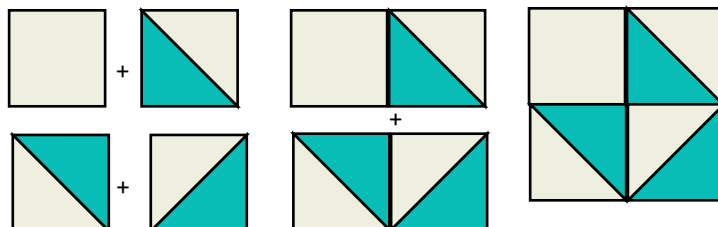


Fig. 4

3. Make flying geese. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each of (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric 2 squares (Fig. 5). Place a square RST on top of a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of background. Sew on the drawn line (Fig. 6). Trim corner $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sewing line (Fig. 7). Press toward the corner triangle (Fig. 8). Trim the dog ears. Place a Fabric 2 square RST on the opposite side of the rectangle. Sew on the drawn line (Fig. 9). Trim corner $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sewing line (Fig. 10). Press toward the corner triangle (Fig. 11). Trim the dog ears. Repeat to make four flying geese units from Fabric 2 squares and four background rectangles (Fig. 12).

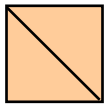


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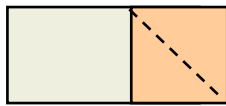


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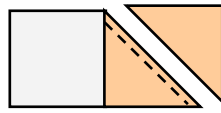


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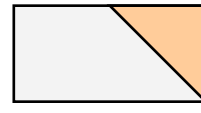


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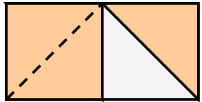


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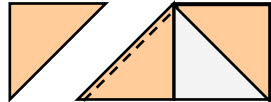


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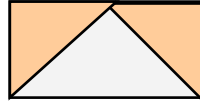


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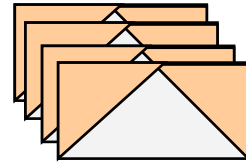


Fig. 12

4. Make center units. Follow diagram 13 and sew FG units from Step 3 to remaining $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangles. Press seam open. This unit should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Make 4

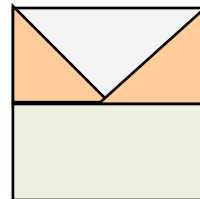


Fig. 13

5. Sew block together as shown in Fig. 14. Press seams open. Block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square at this point.

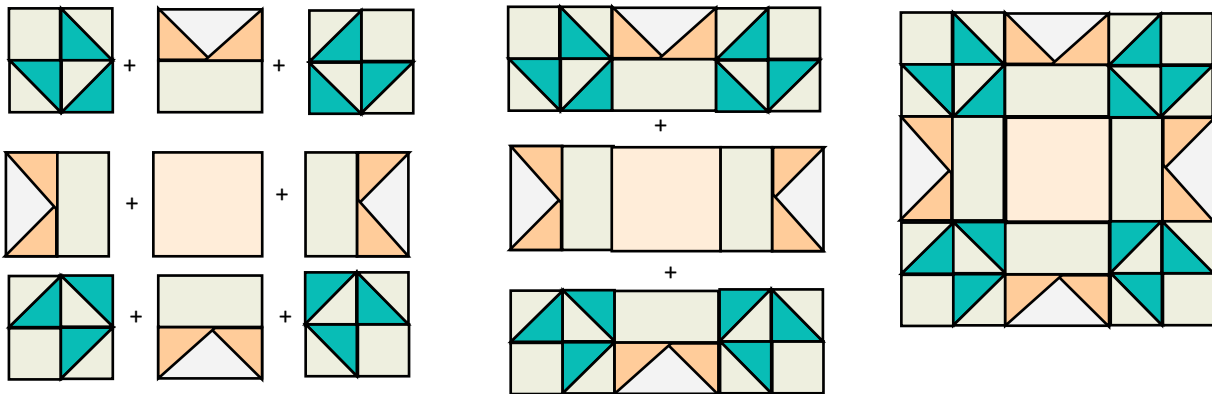


Fig. 14

6. Add frame to block. Sew $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to opposite sides of block. Press toward frame fabric. Fig. 15

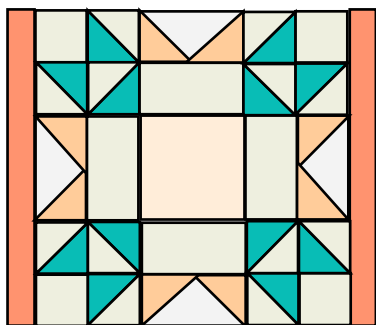


Fig. 15

7. Sew $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $14\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to top and bottom of block. Press toward frame fabric. Fig. 16. This block should measure $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square at this point.

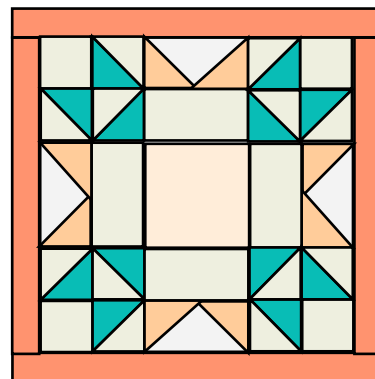


Fig. 16

8. **Make HST** for pinwheel filler blocks. Pair the $2\frac{7}{8}$ " fabrics. You will have three sets of squares; each set will have two squares each of two fabrics. Make four HST from each set following the instructions in Step 1. Make pinwheel block as shown in Figures 17 and 18. Make three pinwheels (Fig. 19). These units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square at this point.

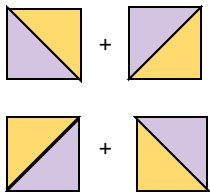


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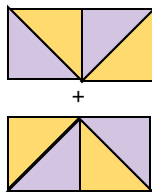


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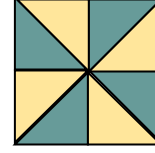
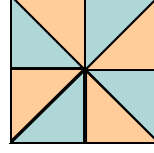
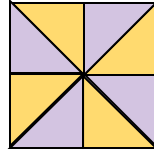


Fig. 19

9. Sew sashing strips between pinwheel blocks as shown in Fig. 20. Press seams toward sashing strips. This unit should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $14\frac{1}{2}$ " inches at this point.

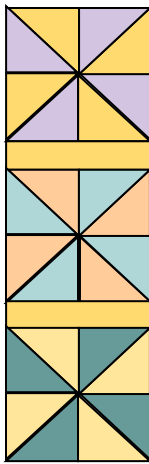


Fig. 20

10. Sew pinwheel blocks to block from Step 7 as shown in Fig. 21. Press seam open or toward block frame fabric. The block should measure $14\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " at this point.

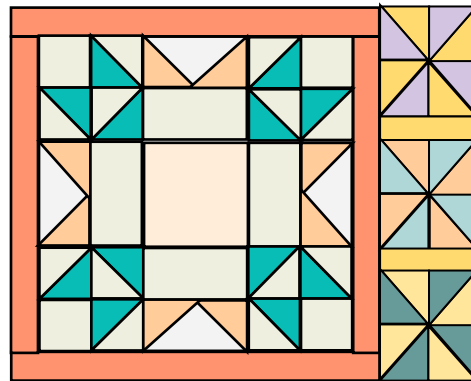


Fig. 21

That is it for Month 2. Now go out and celebrate!

If you are making the larger quilt, make two blocks using different fabrics for each. Feel free to mix it up on the blocks. Make it all scrappy or just use two or three fabrics. There is a lot going on in this quilt and really anything will work as long as you end up with the correct block size.

If you make these blocks, make sure to post them on Instagram so I can see them. Tag me @patchworksampler and use the hashtag #thecelebrationquilt