



June Block of the Month Cups and Saucers*

This month we are going to practice the easy half square triangle technique and learn an easy flying geese technique. You will need two fabrics:

- dark blue
- any light contrast which is NOT white or off white

CUTTING:

- 2 - 3-7/8" squares dark blue
- 8 - 2-3/8" squares dark blue
- 1 - 3-1/2" square dark blue
- 2 - 3-7/8" squares light contrast
- 2 - 4-1/4" squares light contrast

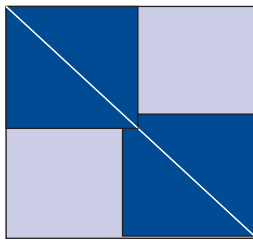


Figure 1

SEWING:

By now, most of you will be familiar with the half square triangle technique. If you need a refresher, please check the directions from February through April on our website (<http://www.stonehousequilters.org>) or at Jannette's (Old Town Needlecrafts).

Using the dark blue and light contrast 3-7/8" squares, make 4 half-square triangles.

EASY FLYING GEESE:

Begin with 1 4-1/4" light contrast square and 4 2-3/8" dark blue squares. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the dark blue squares. Place two right sides together on the right side of the light contrast square as in Figure 1. Sew a scant quarter inch on either side of the drawn diagonal line all the way from upper left to lower right. Cut on the drawn line and press to the dark blue. You will then have 2 pieces that look like Figure 2

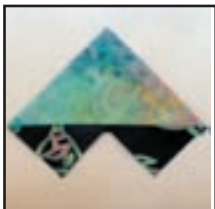


Figure 2

Place the remaining 2 dark blue squares on those as in Figure 3 and sew a scant quarter inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Once again cut on the drawn line and press toward the dark blue. Voila! You have four flying geese. Repeat with the other light contrast square and 4 dark blue squares.



Figure 3

Sew the flying geese together in pairs so that the light contrast triangle is pointing out (as in the picture at the top left).

Now sew your rows together.

- Row 1 - Half-square Triangle ... Flying Geese ... Half-square Triangle
- Row 2 - Flying Geese ... Dark Blue ... Flying Geese
- Row 3 - Repeat Row 1

Press away from the Flying Geese and your rows will lock. Now sew your rows together.

HINT:

Be VERY sure that you are using a scant 1/4" seam. This is MOST important and that your seam is consistent throughout your block. Check this after each seam. Then measure your block when you are finished. Your block should measure 9.5" (unfinished).

* Traditional block. Instructions courtesy of Quilters Cache on the WWW (<http://www.quilterscache.com>) by Marcia Hohn. If you wish to use her directions for this block, they may be found on her site at http://www.quilterscache.com/A_C/CupsandSaucersBlock.html - Color 1 = Dark Blue.