

Block of the Month June to November 2017

For the next 6 months I will be offering 2 blocks a month. Each block will be 12 1/2 inches at 12 inches finished.

These will be your blocks to keep, no winners pool for these months, but it would like if you would show & tell them.

Each block will all be at least 3 colors, the background and 2 or more colors. For a 3 color quilt of this size, you will use approximately 2 yards of each color.

After the 6 months, you may want to continue your quilt with additional 12 1/2 inch blocks for a larger size using solid alternative blocks or more pieced blocks of your choice.

Smaller blocks may be added if you like. This is your quilt, use your imagination.

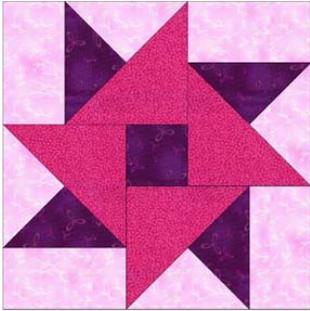
These colors will be your own choice. It could be scrappy, mono tone, modern, asst'd colors, retro, reproductions, anything you like.

If you don't care for the 12 inch blocks, you are more than welcome to re-size them yourself.

I hope that you will enjoy the next several months,

Janet

Hope Of Hartford



A long time ago I saw this block somewhere and fell in love with it. However I couldn't find a name for it, and I looked everywhere. I made one and set it aside while continuing my search for a name. A few years later I had a sampler swap where everyone had to make a different block. One of the ladies said she wanted to make the Hope of Hartford, and I'd never heard of it so looked it up in Block Base. Well imagine my surprise when I realized I'd found the name for my block at last!

This block isn't as complicated as it looks, just some triangles and rectangles and a center square. We'll use a technique called partial seam to attach the units to the center square, very easy I promise. And look at the results!

For the Hope of Hartford you will need:

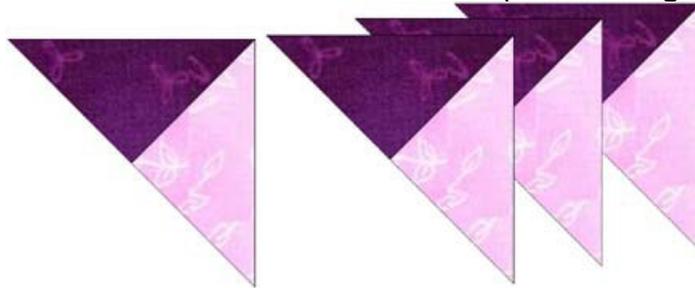
From your background cut four $2 \frac{7}{8}$ by $5 \frac{1}{4}$ inch rectangles and one 6inch square which you cut in quarters diagonally

From the purple cut one 6inch square which you cut in quarters diagonally and one $2 \frac{7}{8}$ inch square

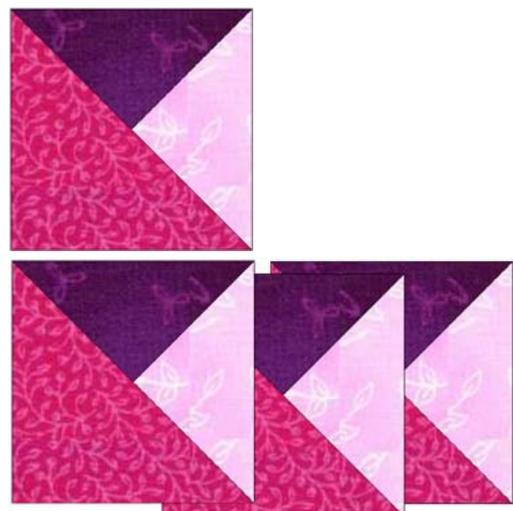
From the hot pink cut two $5 \frac{5}{8}$ inch squares which you cut in half diagonally

When you cut these squares, you created bias edges. Be very careful when sewing and pressing not to stretch that bias.

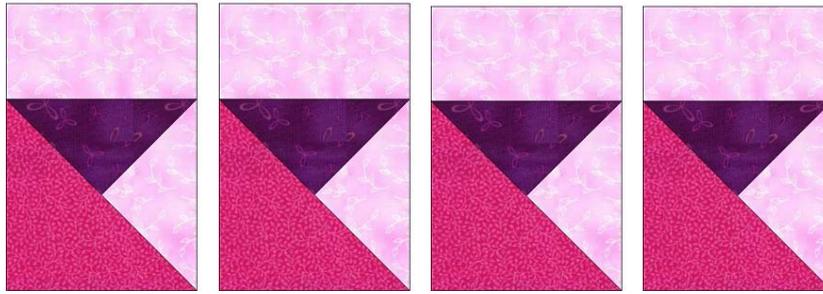
Place a background and purple triangle right sides together and together sew on the short side. Repeat with the remaining purple and background triangles. Be sure to sew them all on the same side so all four are alike. (check diagram!)



Sew this two color unit to a hot pink triangle. Press to the pink. Trim back to $5 \frac{1}{4}$ inches if needed. Repeat with the remaining units.



Add a background rectangle to each unit and shown here.



Now comes what some people call the tricky part, but it isn't really that hard. Sew your first unit to the square, but only half way! This is very important. You'll come back and finish it later.

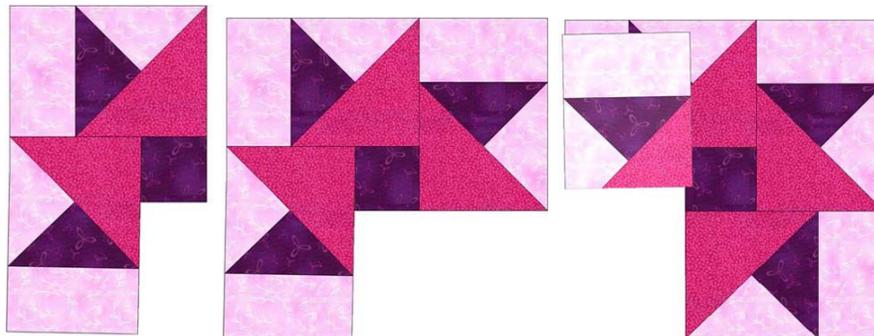
(You are viewing the unit from the RIGHT side of the fabric, and the purple square is the WRONG side.)



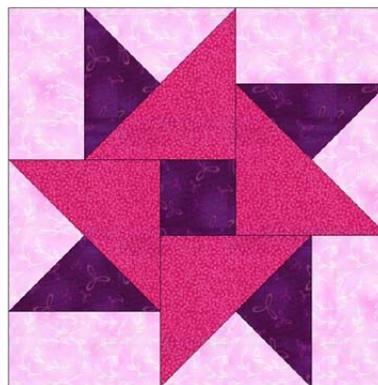
Close up view



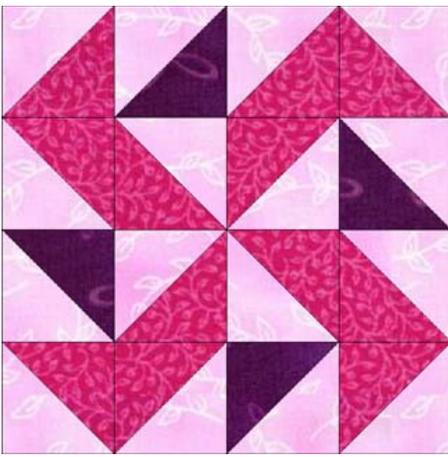
Press the center square flat, towards the larger unit. Keep adding rectangles to the center square.



Now you can go back and sew the rest of the first rectangle down, and your block is finished.



<http://delawarequilts.com/BOMs/HopeOfHartford/index.html>



Yankee Puzzle

For a Yankee Puzzle you will need:

From your background cut eight $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch squares.

From a dark (purple) cut two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch squares

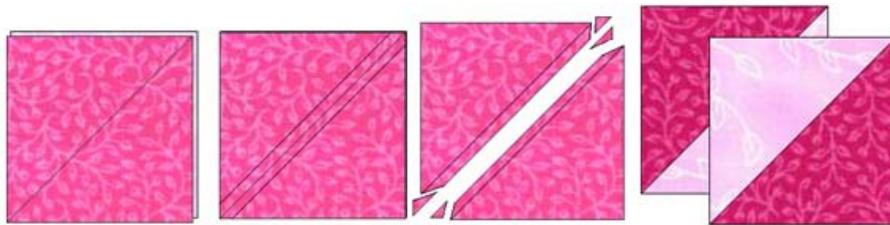
From a medium (hot pink) cut six $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch squares



To make your job a little easier, draw a diagonal line through all of your background squares on the wrong side. (This will be a cutting line when you are finished.)

First we'll make all our diagonal half squares. Place a background and medium $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch square right sides together. If you have a true $\frac{1}{4}$ inch foot on your machine, you can sew on either side of this drawn line. If not, you will have to draw a second line on either side, exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the first line. They will be your sewing lines.

After you have sewn on your sewing line, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of your corner to corner to line, you will cut this square in half on your cutting line. Trim off the corners (or dog ears) You will now have two diagonal half-squares, which should measure exactly $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches.



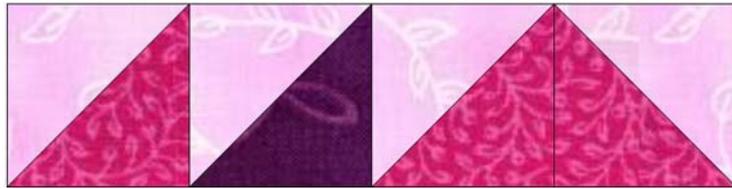
You need to repeat this step with all $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch squares. You will need four dark



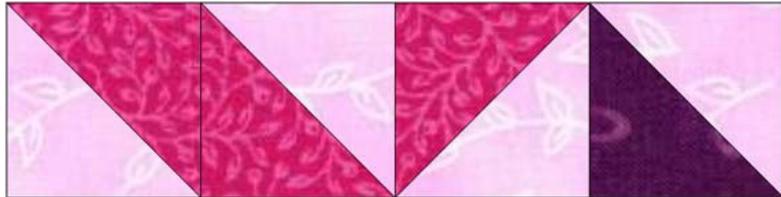
diagonal half squares and twelve medium diagonal half squares.



Make two rows like this



and two like this.



And then assemble in to your Yankee Puzzle block.
Your finished block should measure 12 1/2 inches.

