

December 2017 Block of the Month

Fifty Shades of Blue

6 ½ inches unfinished

Bring on the blue colors, all shades, in this scrappy nine patch block. Your blues can be solids, batiks, tonals or prints, but only fabrics where the predominant color is blue. To create a scrappy blue quilt top, you will need to use five *different* fabrics and go for *different* shades. The whites can be different as well. We ask that you make 2 blocks. One will be with five blue squares and four white squares and the other block will be the opposite, with 5 white squares and four blue squares.

Blue fabrics (use 5 different blue shades, such as sky blue, navy blue, medium, turquoise, etc)

- Nine 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

White fabrics (Only white solid or white tonal; they can all be different)

- Nine 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

Block Assembly:

1. Lay out your blue and white blocks so that you have a contrast of shades.
2. Sew two blue blocks to one white block to create 3 units that look like this:

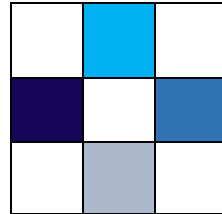
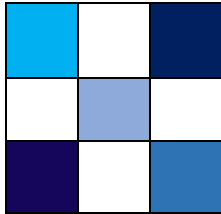


3. Sew two white blocks to one blue block to create 3 units that look like this:



4. Press seams open.

5. Sew the units into rows to create two quilt blocks that look like these:



6. Press seams open. Your quilt blocks should measure 6 ½ inches square. Adjust seams if necessary and re-press.

Do you have a bounty of blue scraps? Could you make a couple more blocks? We will need 120 blocks to create a quilt top for a big sized kid.

All quilt blocks submitted will be used to create a quilt top for a teenage girl or boy and donated to Sew for Hope.

Thank you for your participation!