

Block of The Month 2024: Block #1

Welcome to 2024 block of the month. Since this is a new year, we have a new plan and a new focus fabric. First the focus fabric – it is a very colorful fabric called Yalke by June Smith for M&S Textiles. If you plan to make blocks for the monthly drawing at our 2024 guild meetings, then you need to stop by and see us and get a fat quarter of this fabric. We will have it available for purchase at the meetings for \$2 per fat quarter. We have calculated fabric requirements for the year, and it will take slightly less than a fat quarter of focus fabric to make one of each of the 12 blocks. In addition to the focus fabric, you need a white fabric and up to four coordinating fabrics. The total fabric requirements to make one of each block is: 1 yd white; 1 yd light coordinating; 5/8th yd dark coordinating (these two must have a good contrast); and 1/8th yd each of two other coordinating fabrics. The plan for the year is we are starting off easy and for the 1st four months, the blocks will only be made up of pieces that are squares or rectangles. The 2nd four months are half square triangle blocks, and the last four months are blocks with a combination of squares, rectangles, and half-square triangles. The January block is called Child's Delight. For this block, we need the focus fabric, the white fabric and the light and dark coordinating fabrics. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.)

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

Cut list -- For one block

Focus fabric: One 2.75" square

White: Four 2.75" X 5.75" rectangles

Light coord. fabric: One 5.75" square
Two 2.75" X 10.25" rectangles

Dark coord. fabric: Four 2.75" square

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam.

- Make row units: Add a dark coordinating square to either side of two of the white rectangles. Press to the dark. Add a white rectangle to opposite sides of light coordinating fabric square. Press to the coordinating fabric. (Photo 4)
- Position units with a dark coordinating fabric unit on the top and bottom. Photo 4. Sew rows together and press seams open. This unit should be 10.25" square.
- Add a light rectangle to one side of the square you just completed. Press to newly added fabric.
- Add focus fabric square to one end of remaining light coordinating fabric rectangle. Press to the light coordinating fabric.
- Position this strip on a side adjacent to the strip just added to the square. Refer to the finished look of the block. Sew this last strip to the block. The focus fabric square should have the light coordinating fabric on two adjacent sides.
- Finished block should be 12½" X 12½".

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Focus Fabric



Photos 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Link to YouTube