

Block of the Month

May

King's Crown

Having learnt how to make half square triangles (HSTs), we can now have fun mixing them in with squares to achieve an almost endless variety of blocks! This month's HSTs are smaller than the ones we made last month.



1) Choose 3 fabrics, light, medium/patterned and dark



Light fabric
Cut 4 x 3 1/2in squares

Medium/patterned fabric
Cut 4 x 3 1/2in squares and 4 x 4 in squares

Dark fabric
Cut 4 x 4 in squares

2) Pair each dark 4 in square to a medium one, right sides together.



Draw a diagonal line, corner to corner, on the wrong side of one of each pair.

3) Stitch 1/4 in either side of this line.



TIP: When sewing several short pieces like this it can be quicker/easier to 'chain piece', that is to stitch from one pair to another without raising your foot and cutting the thread, this producing a 'chain' of squares which can then be separated.

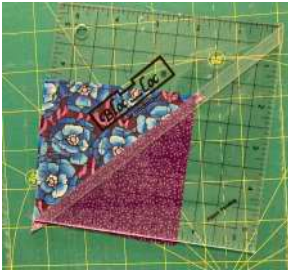
4) Cut the 4 squares, along the diagonal line to make 8 HSTs.



Press open.



5) Square up your HSTs to make 3 1/2 in squares



For smaller squares like this I like to use my Bloc-Loc ruler. It locks neatly onto the seam and really helps with accuracy. but they are expensive and any square ruler will work.

6) Arrange in rows of 4 with the 3 1/2 in squares.



Stitch together 4 rows of 4 squares.

Then stitch together the rows of 4, taking care to match the seams. Remember that a few stitches to hold each seam join together before stitching the whole seam can save a lot of time and make your work more accurate.

The completed block 4: King's Crown.



Why not share your BOM progress on the Bourne Quilters Group Facebook page?
It would be really lovely to see how everyone is doing!