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December BoTM: 3D Bow Tie



One of the first quilt blocks that I learned over 40 years ago was the Bow Tie block. Its simplicity made it a natural for a beginner quilter. This version of the Bow Tie block is going to be a little different though: 3D, brightly coloured, and not necessarily intuitively put together. Follow the instructions exactly

[I have put some BOLD lettering in the instructions when the instructions are a little unusual], and once you get the hang of it, it is quick and fun.

Any questions? Contact Trish at trish.poehnell@gmail.com

This block is featured on this Youtube website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVdfuGgtHf8&t=12s>

Materials

- Background: 2 - 5" squares of white on black or black on white fabric
- Bow Tie: 3 - 5" squares of brightly coloured fabric which will read solid.
The palette that I am using is reds, bright pink, orange and yellows.

Steps

1. Fingerpress one of the bright bow tie squares in half bottom to top **WRONG** sides together. Do **NOT** press; in fact, do **NOT** press until the block is complete.
2. Layer all pieces right sides together this way: one background piece, then the folded square, then a bow tie square lining up the 4 edges on the top side.



3. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the right hand side. This will mean that you are sewing through four layers at the beginning 2.5" and only two layers for the final 2.5". Open up the pieces of fabric and now you have this odd arrangement.



4. Take the last two pieces of 5" squares and layer opposite colors to the first arrangement. Tuck the "knot" of the bow between the two squares lining up four edges on the top. As before, sew down the right side of the block

5. Open up your little bow tie piece and lined up the raw edges. PIN in place and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the whole seam. [Sorry, I could not get a good picture of this.

6. Now for the magic. Open the block up and press the seams down. Turn over and press the over and press your bow tie flat.

