

September Block of the Month
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Warm and Cool Half Square Triangle BOTM Challenge

I love half square triangle [affectionately known as HST] quilts. Simple, graphic with plenty of layout possibilities from sweet and simple to bold and graphic. If you have not done so before, just put "hst quilts" in your computer browser, and see what pops up.

Maybe you have some batiks, some Kaffe Fassatt, or tone on tone scraps, or maybe some of those cute charm packs that you could break into for this challenge. I have used them all for my quilt pictured below. Keep the colours clear and bright in either warm or cool colours. And no blacks, whites, grays or browns in the prints.

Inspiration for this particular arrangement for this quilt came from Lee at Freshly Pieced <http://freshlypieced.com/2011/10/bqf-warm-cool-quilt.html> . As you can see, her colours are lighter than mine. So pretty.

You probably don't need much tutorial for making half square triangles. Because I am starting from 5" squares that are pre-cut, I will be showing you the method of making only two at a time. But make up several different colour combinations. My quilt, which I will have ready in September, is about 300 blocks and probably uses about 180 different fabrics. A bit of a stash buster.



Just to give you an idea of where I am going with this quilt, here's a very small section of my quilt in process. What you don't see are the oranges, blues and purples that are part of the larger quilt.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Take one cool and one warm colour 5 " square and lay one on top of the other right sides together.
2. Draw a line with a fabric marker from one corner to the other diagonally.
3. Sew a scant ¼" on both sides of the drawn line.
4. Cut on the drawn line.
5. Before opening, press to set the seams.
1. Open each unit and press carefully so that the seam allowance is to the cool side [no special reason for this choice, but its great if everyone's goes in the same direction.
2. Trim to a 4 ½ " block and remove any "ears". There won't be much to trim.
3. Two blocks already! Sew up several more.

By the way, next time you are at the fabric store, please consider buying a ½ meter of Kona Snow solid fabric. It will probably feature in a block or two in the future months.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to email me [Trish] at trish.poehnell@gmail.com