



OCTOBER 2006 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Bright Hope Batik Block

Turn in at November meeting

Techniques: Sewing a partial seam and selecting scale of values in same/similar color family.

Block size: 9-1/2 unfinished (9-inch finished).

Colors:

- Select FOUR BATIKS in one color family, selecting values from lighter to dark, and ONE BATIK of a contrasting color for the center square. (The “one color family” can include related colors such as blues and purples; reds and oranges; yellows and oranges; oranges and browns; greens and browns, etc. Let your batiks lead you.)
- Arrange these batik rectangles as: LIGHT, MEDIUM LIGHT, MEDIUM DARK, and DARK.

Cutting:

- From each of the FOUR BATIKS, cut one (1) rectangle 3-1/2 x 6-1/2 inches.
- From the contrasting (center square) batik, cut one (1) square 3-1/2 x 3-1/2 inches.

PREPARATION AND SEWING

1. Align the LIGHT rectangle right-sides together with the center square, with the square on top. Sew a 1/4-inch seam, stopping at MIDPOINT of the square, backstitch. Press to center square. (This is patch A.)

2. Align the DARK rectangle along the **long, seamed edge** of Patch A. Sew a complete 1/4 inch seam. Press toward the DARK rectangle. (This is patch B.)

3. Add the MEDIUM DARK rectangle, aligning to the edge created by Patch A and Patch B. Press to the MEDIUM DARK rectangle. (This is patch C.)

4. Add the MEDIUM LIGHT rectangle, aligning to patch C. Sew seam. Press to MEDIUM LIGHT RECTANGLE.

5. To complete the partial seam: Fold the LIGHT rectangle in towards the center. Starting where you stopped sewing in step 1, backstitch, and then stitch to finish the seam (completing the partial seam of the LIGHT and MEDIUM LIGHT rectangles). Press toward center square.

