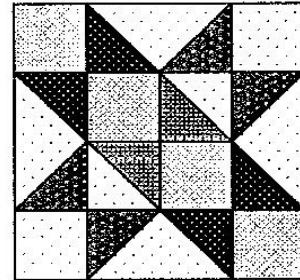


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
Free Trade

This is a traditional block with many colour combination and arrangement possibilities.




For this block, you will need five fabrics:


Plain muslin for the background:

 Four rectangles 2 3/4 " x 5", two squares 2 3/4 " x 2 3/4 ", one square 3 1/8 " x 3 1/8", cut in half diagonally.


Medium yellow tone-on-tone:

 Four squares 2 3/4 " x 2 3/4 "


Dark golden yellow tone-on-tone:

 One square 3 1/8 " x 3 1/8", cut in half diagonally

Medium blue tone-on-tone:

 Four squares 2 3/4 " x 2 3/4 "

Dark blue tone-on-tone:

 Four squares 2 3/4 " x 2 3/4 "

1. Make the rectangular units this easy way. On the wrong sides of the eight blue squares, draw a diagonal line. Place a **dark blue** square right side down on a muslin rectangle and stitch along the marked line, as illustrated. Fold



the dark blue square back along the stitching line and press. Trim the lower



layers of muslin and dark blue. Now place a **medium blue** square right side down on the other end of the rectangle and stitch along the marked line.

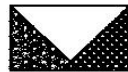


Fold the medium blue square back along the stitching, press and trim as before. You now have a completed unit composed of three triangles.



Note: the two blue triangle points will overlap

Make a second rectangle unit exactly the same. Make the remaining two rectangle units starting with the medium blue square first. **Be sure you have two of each like this:**



2. Sew the golden yellow and muslin triangles together, press seams towards the golden yellow. Now sew the four squares of the center unit together.

3. Arrange the units as per the block diagram. **Check colour placement** before sewing together!

