

Moonlight Quilters – Due November 1

Butterfly

8.5" Unfinished

A butterfly block, make the wings in any bright colors with a small accent fabric. Choose a light or medium blue for the sky background and black for the body.

- 1 ea 5.25 inch (5 ¼) square in wing fabric and sky background
- 1 ea 3.25 inch square in either the same or different wing fabric & sky
- 1 1.5 x 5.5 inch black, from this cut a single 1.5 x 1.5 sq for head
- 1 1.5 x 4 inch small accent fabric in the 4-patch
- 1 1.5 x 3.5 inch sky
- 1 2.5 x 2.5 inch sky
- 1 3.5 x 4.5 inch sky

Make Half Square Triangles

Take the sky blue 5.25 inch square and the 3.25 sky square and draw a diagonal line on the back. Place the 5.25 and 3.25 inch wing fabrics squares right sides together on the matching size sky pieces. Sew on either side of the line a ¼ inch. Cut on the drawn line and press to the dark side. Trim the bigger half square triangles to 4.5 inch squares and the smaller half square triangles to 2.5 inch squares. I had you cut the squares a little large so that there would be plenty of room to trim. You now have two sets of half square triangles – the wings of your butterfly.

Make the butterfly body

Take the 1.5 inch strip of black fabric and cut the 1.5 x 1.5 square off for the head if you have not already. Take the remaining black strip and sew it to the 1.5 accent fabric. Press to the dark side and cut 1.5 inch strips vertically. Invert one and sew back to the other making a four patch. Trim to 2.5 inch square.

Take the black head and sew it to the end of the 1.5 x 3.5 sky fabric strip. Sew this strip to the sky 3.5 x 4.5 piece along the long side. Trim to 4.5 inch square.

Take the smaller half square triangles, the four patch and the 2.5 inch sky square to make a new four patch. Sew the first half square triangle to the four patch making sure the black squares are lined up as shown. Next attach the sky square with the last small half square triangle making sure to sew the accent fabric to the sky, not sky to sky. Sew these two new two-patches together for the new four patch. Trim to 4.5 inch square.

Assemble

Lay out the four blocks you now have with the sky fabric on the outside edge all the way around. Wing fabric triangles should all be on the inside pointing at the center. Sew the four patch together. Trim to 8.5 inches.

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