



Finished block size: 12" square (unfinished is 12 ½" square)

It really looks woven! Take an HST and make a new component – half square triangle on one side; quarter square triangle on the other. Combine those with standard HSTs and some solid squares and you get a cool woven look. I'm not going to say this one is easy, but it actually isn't hard, either. Sort of intermediate. Enjoy!

Fabric

- About 1/8 yard of the medium gray background fabric
- Scraps of one dark blue fabric
- Scraps of one bright yellow fabric

Cut

- Cut (2) 4 ½" squares of the gray fabric
- Cut (4) 4" squares of the gray fabric
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- Cut (1) 4 ½" square each of the blue and yellow fabrics
- Cut (4) 4" squares each of the blue and yellow fabrics

Sew

1. Make the HQSTs: The component I'm calling a "half quarter square triangle" (HQST) is a component that has a half square on one side of the diagonal line and two quarter square triangles on the other side. Pair a 4 ½" gray square with the 4 ½" blue square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the gray fabric. Sew a line ¼" away from each side of the line you drew. Cut along the line you drew. You will get two HSTs. Trim the HSTs to 4" square. Now pair each of the blue/gray HSTs with a 4" square of the yellow fabric, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the yellow fabric, ensuring that it is perpendicular to the line between the blue/gray HST. Sew a line ¼" away from each side of the line you drew. Cut along the line you drew. You will get two HQSTs from each blue/gray HST. Trim the HQSTs to 3 ½" square. Repeat the above steps using gray and yellow 4 ½" squares to begin with and adding blue 4" square to the resulting HSTs. You will only use two of the blue HQSTs – the two that have blue to the right of the diagonal and yellow on top of gray to the left of the diagonal and two of the yellow HQSTs – the two that have yellow to the right of the diagonal and blue on top of gray to the left of the diagonal.. The other four HQSTs can be used in another project.
2. Make the HSTs: Pair a gray and a blue 4" square, make half-square triangles using the method above. Trim to 3 ½". Make a total of four gray/blue HSTs and a total of four gray/yellow HSTs.
3. Arrange the rows as follows: Row 1: gray 3 ½" square – gray/blue HST with the blue to the bottom right – gray/blue HST with the blue to the bottom left – gray 3 ½" square. Row 2: yellow HQST with the yellow to the bottom left and the gray/blue to the top right – gray/blue HST with the blue to the top left – gray/blue HST with the blue to the top right – blue HQST with the blue to the bottom left and the gray/yellow to the top right. Row 3: yellow HQST with the yellow to the top right and the blue/gray to the bottom left – gray/yellow HST with the yellow to the bottom left – gray/yellow HST with the yellow to the bottom right – blue HQST with the blue to the top right and the gray/yellow to the bottom left. Row 4: gray 3 ½" square – gray/yellow HST with the yellow to the top right – gray/yellow HST with the yellow to the top left – gray 3 ½" square.
4. Sew each row together as described in Step 3. Press all the seams open. Sew the four rows together and again press all the seams open.