

Block of the Month
The block will be demonstrated at the July Meeting by Fern Damour

Bright Hopes Block
Using the partial piecing method

You will need 5 fabrics: one red, white and blue print, and a red, a blue, a white, and a gold fabric to match.

Cut (4) 3 ½ in. squares from the print. Cut (4) 2 by 5 in. rectangles from each of the other fabrics.

Using one piece of each color, assemble the following 6 ½ block. Then repeat these instructions to make 3 more blocks, which will be sewn together to make a 12 ½ inch square.

Place the gold rectangle face down on top of the square, matching edges on the left. Fig. 1. Sew with a precise ¼ in. seam allowance starting on the left for about 2 inches. Press that much of the gold open and away from the square.



Fig. 1

Then rotate the square 90 deg. to the right so the gold is on the right. Place the white rectangle across the top of the square. Fig. 2 Sew all the way across. Press towards the white.

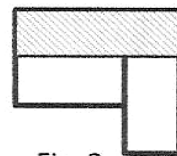


Fig. 2

Rotate the square another 90 degrees to the right. Sew on the blue rectangle Fig. 3 Press open and towards the blue.

Rotate again so that the gold is on the left. Fold the unsewn part out of the way. Place and sew the red rectangle. Fig. 4 Rotate the square again. Now the gold is back on top. Fold it back towards the square and finish sewing its seam: all the way across the square and across the red rectangle. Press open. Fig. 5

You now have one square. Sew three more squares. Arrange the 4 squares, with the gold rectangle at the top, to form a larger square. Sew them together in pairs, then sew the pairs together. Fig. 6 This block is due in July and will be used for a Quilt of Valor.

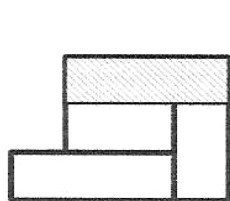


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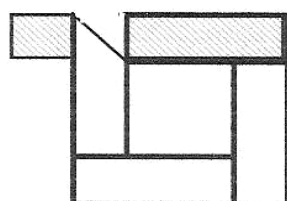


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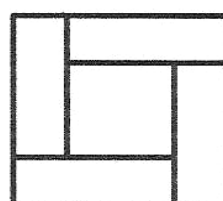


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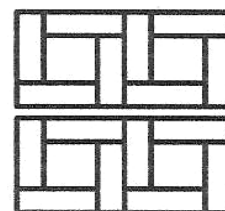


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