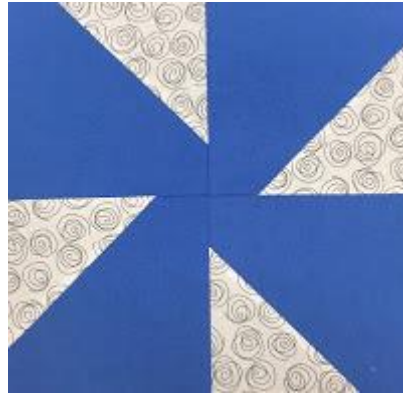


Block of the Month - March 2017 - PROPELLARS

Every month we bring you a new block to make it so that quilts can be made for our Aussie Heroes. And every month, many wonderful volunteers make and send in a mountain of blocks using beautiful fabrics and putting time, love and care into the work. It's always a fantastic response and I just want to take a moment to THANK YOU immensely for all your efforts. And now for this month...



Ships and Aircraft both have propellers and this month you can choose to make your block from either Navy blue or Air Force blue. Maybe you'll make some of each colour.



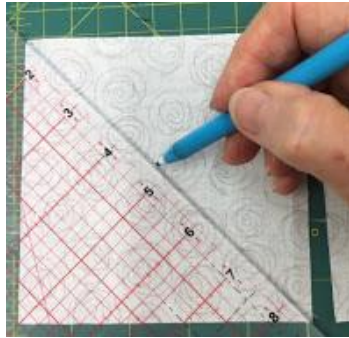
The BLUE FABRIC can be tone-on-tone, printed with a pattern or plain but it would be good if it is either obviously Air Force blue or Navy blue.

The WHITE FABRIC can be plain, tone-on-tone or have a subtle print but be obviously white. Please use 1/4 inch seams

NOTE - Do not trim the block or cut off any uneven edges as ALL blocks will be trimmed back to a uniform size before the quilt top is constructed

BLUE FABRIC Cut four squares 6 1/2 x 6 1/2 inch

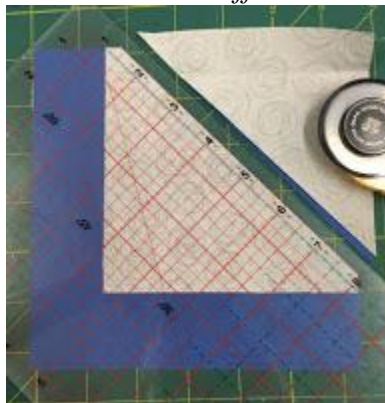
WHITE FABRIC Cut four squares 5 x 5 inch then on the wrong side of the fabric draw a diagonal line from corner to corner of each square. This will be the sewing line.



Place a white square on a blue square with right sides together and fitting snugly to one corner with the diagonal line positioned as in the picture. Pin both sides of the line and then sew along the line. Repeat for all four squares.



Position ruler with 1/4 inch line over the row of stitching and trim away the corner leaving a 1/4 inch seam allowance. *See note about these "off cuts" at the end of instructions.*

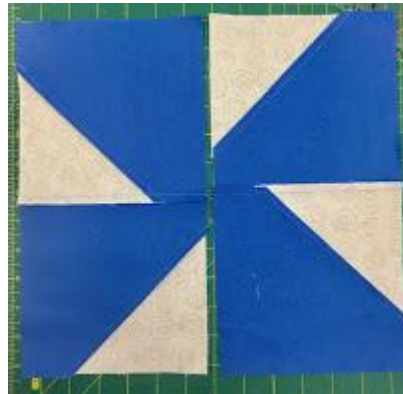


Press the white triangle over to form a square. Repeat for all squares.

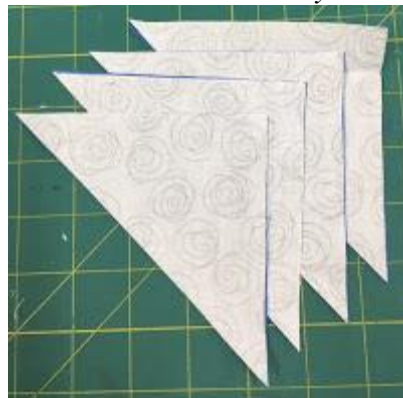


Join 2 squares to make a "row" as shown below and then make another "row". Press the seam allowances to one side. I like to iron them in opposite directions so they "lock" together in the centre when I join the two "rows". I press the final seam open but it can also be pressed to one side.

Notice how all the blue corners come together in the centre and all the white triangles are on the outside of the block.



"Off cuts" ... The triangles that are left after trimming the corners of the squares can be joined in many ways and these can be used in the Heroes' quilts as borders, joiners/sashings and rows between blocks etc. I'd love to receive them with your blocks.



Post blocks to

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*And that's it for this month. Happy sewing to you.
Best wishes,
Sandy*