

Fish!

Quilt Size 42x59

Fish Block size is 5 inches finished (5.5 inches with seam allowances)

Block with 4 fish and framing strips is 12 inches finished (12.5 inches with seam allowances)



QUILT NOTES

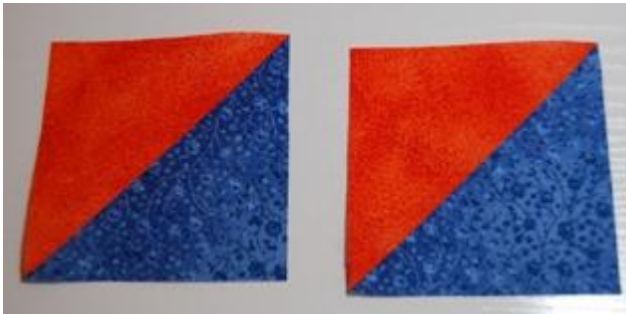
- ✦ The fish can be pieced with 4 fabrics, each in the same place in the block or with all different fabrics. I like the bright yellow fish pictured at the top of the block as shown.
- ✦ You may use any method you like to create your half square triangle blocks for the fish tails as long as the half square triangles measure 3 inches (this includes seam allowance)

BLOCK PIECING

This method was developed by Sally Schneider and will yield two blocks.

Using whichever method you prefer, make (2) half square triangle blocks that are 3 inches square.

I cut one background (blue) square and one fish fabric (orange) square 3.5 inches, drew a line diagonally in the center and sewed on each side of the line using $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Cut between my stitching lines and then trimmed my half square triangles to 3 inches.

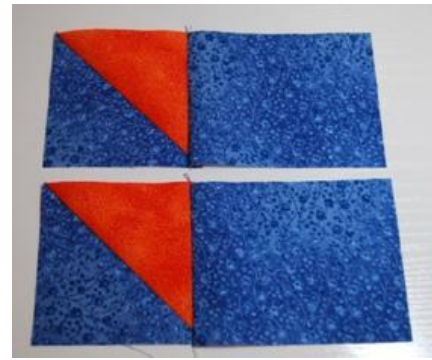


For each set of blocks you will need the following:

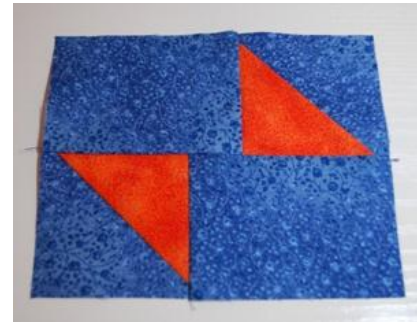
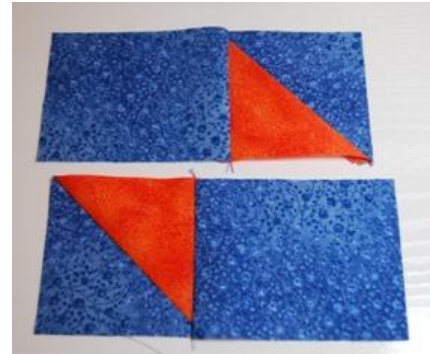
- 2 half square triangles as show above
- 2 rectangles cut 3x4 inches from your background fabric
- 1 large rectangle cut 5.5 x 6.5 inches from your fish fabric



Sew each half square triangle block to a background (blue) 3 x 4 inch rectangle taking care to orient the half square triangle correctly as shown in photo at top of the page and press seam toward the rectangle.



Sew these two units together as shown below



** Note how these seams are pressed in the next photo – you will have to make a tiny clip in the seam allowance to press the seams away from the triangle unit. Make sure you do not clip all the way through the seam.



MAKE A TEMPLATE BY CUTTING A 5.5 INCH SQUARE ON THE DIAGONAL. I USED CLEAR TEMPLATE PLASTIC FOR MINE.

Layer your fish fabric and the pieced block right sides together and place your template in the top (L) corner of the block as show below and draw a line.



Your line should pass through the seam intersection as shown below and the bottom (L) corner of your block.



Turn your template and draw a line on the other side of the block and sew a seam on both lines as shown below.



Cut up the center between your sewn lines.



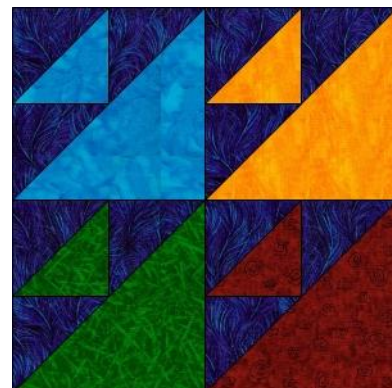
Press seam toward the fish fabric



THERE ARE 32 FISH IN THIS QUILT SO YOU WILL HAVE TO REPEAT THE ABOVE STEPS 16 TIMES.

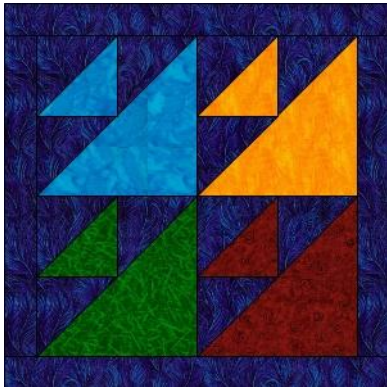
ASSEMBLE THE FISH BLOCK

Sew 4 fish together



Sew background (blue) framing strips to sides of block that are cut 1.5 inches by 10.5 inches.

Sew background (blue) strips to top and bottom of block that are cut 1.5 inches by 12.5 inches.



YOU WILL NEED 8 FRAMED FISH BLOCKS AS SHOWN ABOVE FOR THE QUILT.

CORNER AND SETTING TRIANGLES

You will need 6 setting triangles. To cut these from squares, cut two 18 and 1/4 inch squares and cut them in quarters on the diagonal.



You will need 4 corner triangles. To cut these from squares, cut two 9 and 3/8 inch squares and cut them in half on the diagonal.



ASSEMBLE TOP

Referring to the quilt picture on page one of these instructions, sew the fish blocks together with the setting and corner triangles to assemble center of the quilt.

The inner multicolored border consists of pieced strips from the fish fabrics that are cut 1.5 inches. In the photo they are shown sewn together with straight seams but you may sew them with diagonal seams as my Mom did if you choose.

The outer blue border is cut 3.5 inches.