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Scrappy Ocean Waves Block



The Ocean Waves quilt pattern is constructed from a group of four smaller blocks that are rotated to create an (angular) "O" opening where blocks meet. Ocean Waves Quilt blocks are made from a combination of half square triangle units (HST) and individual half square triangles -- lots of them.

For this month's Block Party, you will only be making one of the four blocks needed to make an ocean wave block. This one block will measure $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. The color pattern for this block is scrappy. Try to use as many different colors/patterns/fabrics as you can. You will need to have an equal number of dark and light fabrics (light fabrics can be solids or small prints of white, white-on-white, cream, tan, light grey, etc.).

Fabric

We will provide you with a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square of blue fabric for the background corner pieces. You will need to provide the fabric for the half square triangle units and the half square triangles.

Cutting Instructions

- A. Cut one $5\frac{7}{8}$ " x $5\frac{7}{8}$ " square from the blue fabric for corners of individual blocks. Cut the square in half once diagonally.
- B. Cut five $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " dark squares and five $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " light squares. See Note below for optional cutting. Pair a dark square and a light square. Use the easy sandwich method (instructions attached) to turn the pair into two half square triangle units (HSTs). When complete, each of the units should measure 3" x 3".

NOTE: Some quilters choose to cut their squares oversized (for example, 4" instead of $3\frac{3}{8}$ ") and then trim them down to size required in the instructions (3" in this case).

- C. Cut one $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " dark square and one $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " light square. Cut each square in half once diagonally.

Making the Ocean Waves Quilt Block

Arrange (10) HST units, the two dark triangles, and the two light triangles into four rows as illustrated. Individual dark triangles are on the left ends of the first and second rows; individual light triangles are on the right ends of third and fourth rows. Sew the components of each row together. Press the rows. Clip the "dog ears" where individual triangles were joined to HST units.



Center and sew a large blue triangle to the angled edge of each partial block as shown. Press seam allowances towards the larger triangles. the block should measure 10-1/2" x 10-1/2" square. If it does not, square it up.



This block is provided free on line from Janet Wickell (November 16, 2016)

If you wish to make an ocean wave quilt, you can get the full quilt instructions from Janet Wickell on line at <https://www.thespruce.com/free-ocean-waves-quilt-pattern-2821836>

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to email me at nbailey207@gmail.com or call me at 617-849-0705.