

Quilts of Valor Block of the Month

Introduction:

This will be a very scrappy QOV—so no yardages will be given. Breathe, and each month just grab some red, white, tan, light or dark blue, and/or gold scraps and make the blocks. There will be ten 12-inch block patterns. We will make three of each block. At the end you will have 30 blocks which will make a 60 by 72-inch quilt. Add a 2-inch border all the way around and you will have a 64 x 76-inch quilt—the perfect QOV size. Each block will be 12.5 inches unfinished. There will be no seams to match when putting the blocks together, and if your blocks don't all measure 12.5 inches when you have trimmed them, then you can trim them all to 12.25 inches and it won't matter. You do not have to make the whole quilt, you can make any of the blocks you like, as many as you like, and turn them in to Carlie

Block 1: Simple Squares, Making Partial Seams.

For the first 3 blocks we are learning to make a partial seam. This technique will be used on the last round of all the blocks. For these blocks, cut:

RED: one 4 ½ inch square, four 2 ½ x 6 ½ rectangles, and four 2 ½ x 10 ½ inch rectangles.

WHITE: one 4 ½ inch square, four 2 ½ x 6 ½ rectangles, and four 2 ½ x 10 ½ inch rectangles.

BLUE: one 4 ½ inch square, four 2 ½ x 6 ½ rectangles, and four 2 ½ x 10 ½ inch rectangles.

Assembly: Take one 6.5 in white rectangle and match to the top edge of a 4.5-inch red square. Sew ONLY half-way down and stop. Sew the next 6.5" white rectangle to the side that is now 6.5 inches. Do the 3rd and 4th ones the same way going counterclockwise around the 4.5" square. Finally, go back and finish the first seam you sewed. That simple!!!



Do the same process with your 10.5" blue rectangles. You now have a 12.5" square which has no seams that need to match to another block. Repeat this process starting with the white square and then with the blue square, being sure to use all 3 colors in each block. You could make all 30 blocks the same way and you would have a quilt like this one

We will be making 9 other types of blocks with the last round having the partial seam technique so that you can try some other designs and have a quilt with more variety. Here is one possible variation. I will show you others next month.



Here are some more centers we will be making in the coming months:

