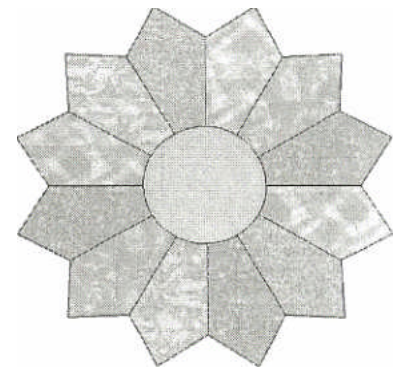


Santa Barbara Connection Block-of-the-Month

Instructions for "Solstice Sun"



Fabrics:

- 1 - background square of light to medium blue fabric, cut 11" to 12" square
- 12 - "wedge" shapes cut from 5 or more "scraps" of yellow fabrics, ranging from light yellow, to bright yellow, to gold (batiks work beautifully - think sun shine!)
- 1 - Circle shape cut from a different bright yellow or gold Freezer paper

Cutting:

Make freezer paper templates of each pattern piece. (You will only need one template of each, as you can use them over again.) On the "w edge," mark the inside stitching lines also, as shown on the pattern. Press wedge template to fabric (up to 4 layers stacked.) Align the 1/4" mark on ruler with stitching line on pattern and cut. This is more accurate than lining up with the edge, since the edge can be trimmed away with subsequent cuttings. Press circle template to wrong side of fabric and cut out, leaving a 1/4" margin around the edge to turn under when appliqueing.

Machine stitching:

Fold right sides of wedge together and stitch across the top, taking a backstitch or two at the fold. Trim a notch in seam at the folded edge. Carefully press seam open with tip of iron. Turn point inside out and use pointed object (not too sharp) to pop out the tip. Center the seam in back and press, using a bit of sizing, to form an evenly angled point.

Arrange wedges in any way that pleases you. Stitch sides together starting at the fold (taking a backstitch or two) and going toward the small end. Stitch sets of 3 to form quarter blocks, then quarters together to form halves, and halves to form wholes. Press seams open. Turn block face up and add sizing to entire block. Trim out bulk in points, leaving at least 1/4" turned under.

Applique to background block:

Fold 11-12" square background block in half and crease, then fold in quarters and crease, to form registration lines. Center the "sun" on the background block, with the seams of the sun block lining up with the creases of the background block. Pin in place, then hand applique the outer edge. Hand applique the center circle over the hole in the middle, being sure it is centered. If you would prefer to machine applique, use invisible thread and a hemming stitch on your machine.

Press, but do not trim the block when finished. The winner can then trim the blocks as needed.