

Introducing the Sisterhood Sampler 2021

Seven Sisters Quilt Shop's Sisterhood Sew-Along!

Seven Sisters Quilt Shop has been brainstorming a great new project for quilters to enjoy and sew along, in their own sewing room and at their own pace. Here is how it will work.

We have a wonderful grouping of 6" sampler quilt blocks for our quilting friends to enjoy. Each week, you will receive a few of the free patterns for these lovely little blocks by email. They will also be posted on our Free Patterns page of our website, (www.sevensistersquiltshop.com). You will also receive ideas for fabric choices and some great layout options ranging from traditional to modern designs. These blocks make a beautiful sampler quilt, but also lovely traditional quilts using only one or two block patterns. Alone, these blocks make great small gifts such as potholders or mug rugs. Enjoy some sweet stories that pair with each sampler block. *Have fun!*

Tips, Tricks & Suggestions

1. **Fabric Choices:** Each block uses a very small amount of fabric, but a wide variety of colors and depth is important. We suggest gathering Fat Quarters of lights, mediums, darks in many different colors.
2. **Background:** It's up to you! Choose a consistent background fabric for all blocks, or many different backgrounds for a scrappier look.
3. For best piecing results, press all fat quarters with Best Press (a starch alternative) before you begin cutting. This will give professional results and less distortion.
4. The block patterns will give you exact cutting instructions. If you choose to use your own preferred tricks (half square triangle methods and such) go for it! You may want to cut some of these squares $1/8$ " larger and then trim them down after the half square triangles are assembled.
5. **All seams are $1/4$ ".** Check for an accurate seam allowance before you get started. Cut (3) strips of $1\ 1/2$ " x 5". Stitch them together side by side. Press seams open and measure the center strip. If this measures a perfect 1" wide then you are good to go. If this measures larger or smaller than 1", adjust your seam allowance and try again.
6. **Press all seams open.**
7. **All blocks should measure $6\ 1/2$ "** when you have finished piecing them. These blocks will measure 6" finished (when sewn into the quilt).
7. There is a total of (30) different 6" blocks in the Sisterhood Sampler.
8. Layout suggestions will be given when the Sisterhood Sampler is near the end.