

MAY BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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This block is a variation of the Santa Fe Star by Eileen Foster. It uses the wonderful turquoise and desert rock colours of the American South West.



Cutting:

Background: Seven 3 1/2" squares
Two 2 1/2" squares

Deep turquoise: Seven 3 1/2" squares

Light turquoise or
blue/green with
small pattern: One 2 1/2" square (A)

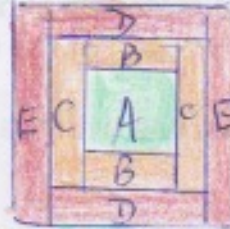
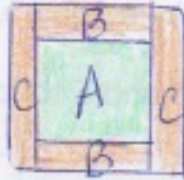
Light sand colour: Two 2 1/2 x 1 1/2" rectangles (B)
Two 4 1/2 x 1 1/2" rectangles (C)

Deep rich brown/orange: Two $4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (D)
Two $6\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (E)

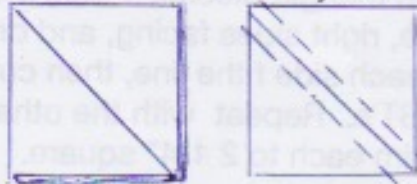
Assembly:

Sew one light sand rectangle B on each side of middle square A. Press, then sew rectangles C on each of the other sides to make a square.

Then repeat the process with the dark rectangles D and E to form the large centre square.



Now make 14 half square triangle blocks. Place a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " background square on a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " turquoise square, right sides facing, and draw a line diagonally across the middle. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " each side of the line, then cut along the line. Press open and you will have two HST's. Repeat with the other $3\frac{1}{2}$ " shares and you will have 14 HST squares. Trim each to $2\frac{1}{4}$ " square.



At this point it is a good idea to lay the squares out around your centre square to make sure HST squares are in the right direction and the points are correctly aligned. Place the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares in the corners.

Sew the 3 top squares together and the 3 bottom squares together as shown.



Attach to the opposite sides of the centre unit and press.

Stitch the 4 HST squares on one side and the corner unit together. Repeat with the 4 squares and the corner unit on the opposite side.



Then attach to the centre unit.

You will have a $10\frac{1}{2}$ " square

