

Bright Hope May 2026 Service Block of the Month

The May Block of the Month will be due at the May 8th 2026 in person Service meeting.

Please find the instructions below. Please bring all completed blocks to the service meeting. Members will receive one ticket for every block completed. A ticket will be pulled at the meeting for the winner. The winner will receive all the blocks, so the more blocks you make, the greater your chances are of winning. This is a great way to learn new blocks. Please read all instructions carefully before making the block. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. The block will measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches when completed.

- Cut 1 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ X $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch square
- Cut 4 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ X $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles



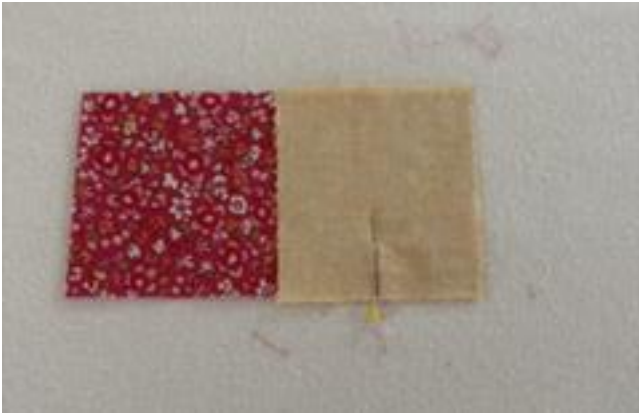
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Step 1

This block uses partial seams in its' construction. Start by laying the 3 ½ X 3 ½ square in your workspace. Next lay one of the 3 ½ X 6 ½ Rectangles on top of the 3 ½ square with the edges meeting at the right hand side of the square with the longer tail of the rectangle out to the left of the square.

Step 2

Place the Square Right sides together on top of the Rectangle and put a pin in half way over on the square.



Step 3

Sew the bottom edge of the square to the rectangle starting from the right side of the square to the pin, backstitch once and stop and cut your threads. Press the seam up. This is your partially sewed seam.



Step 4

Place your 2nd rectangle along the right edge of the two pieces you just sewed right sides together and sew the rectangle to them.



Step 5

Place the 3rd rectangle on the bottom edge of the pieces you just sewed right sides together and sew it in place



Step 6

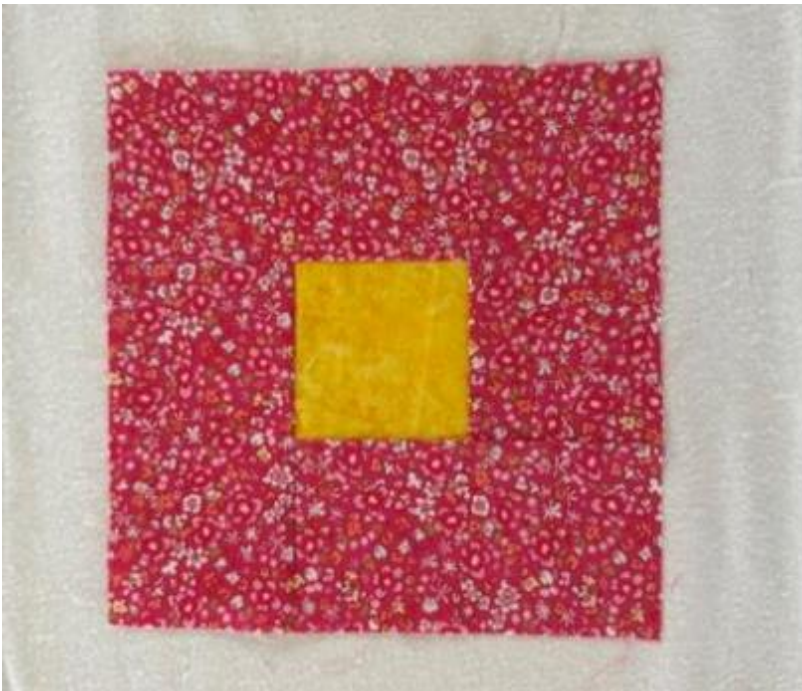
Take the last Rectangle and place it right sides together along the last side of the square. Before you pin it in place, take the unsewn tail of the first rectangle and pin it out of your way before you sew the seam.



Final Step

Unpin the partially sewn tail, place it right sides together on top of the last seam, pin and start sewing from the end of the partial seam to the end of the block. Press

Finished block should measure 9 ½ inches.



This is a fun block to make and be sure to play with different color combinations.

Variations

If you enjoyed making this block, please make an extra one for the placemat workshop in December 2026. If you would like to make a 12 ½ block you would need to:

- Cut 1 - 4 ½ X 4 ½ inch square
- Cut 4 - 4 ½ X 8 ½ inch rectangles



Both the 9 ½ and the 12 ½ Bright Hope Blocks

