Surfside Quilters Guild

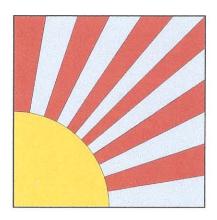
A Block A Month August 2009

Sunny Days

9 1/2" unfinished paper-pieced block

Surfside Quilters Guild is up! Each month make blocks for your own Surfs Op sampler quilt. This month make <u>one</u> Suppy Days block. Following the picture tutorial will simply the construction of this block.

http://sites.google.com/site/surfsidequiltersguild/home/block-a-month



Cut the following fabrics:

5"x 5" square of orange or yellow fabric for sun Six 2" x 12" strips of orange or yellow fabric for sunrays Six 2" x 12" strips of sky blue fabric for sunrays

Paper-piecing pattern for sunrays:

Cut out the left and the right sunray pattern pieces leaving about 1/8" beyond dotted cutting line. Cut the <u>diagonal</u> seam allowance off the right sunray pattern. Using glue stick, paste pattern pieces together in the center. See tutorial for clarification.

Paper-piecing sunrays:

Take a 12" x 2"strip of blue and of orange fabric. Place right sides together. On backside of pattern, place orange fabric on the paper covering the first ray. Hold the pattern up to a light and look for a shadow of the strips. The strips should cover the entire first ray and extend at least ¼" beyond it on all sides. On printed side of the paper, sew using a small stitch (1.5) along the second solid line from the edge, sewing from top to bottom going through the seam allowances. Turn to the back and trim seam to ¼". Press the blue strip towards the seam allowance.

Place a 12" strip of orange fabric on the blue fabric right sides together. Hold right side of pattern to a light to see if fabric shadow extends beyond the next line by at least 1/4". Sew, trim, and press as before.

Continue until all rays are sewn. Trim all edges of pattern along dotted outside line.

Sewing sun to paper-pieced rays:

Cut sun pattern along dotted line and pin to 5" square of orange or yellow fabric. Cut out. Find and pin center and quarter marks of curved edges of sun and rays. Pin sun and rays together matching the half and quarter marks. Using a regular stitch length, sew ¼" along curve from the sun side. Check on paper side to see if seam is correct. If not re-sew where needed. Press towards sun. Staystitch block 1/8" from all edges. Leave paper on until quilt assembly.

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