

Children's Bright Hopes

- This is a fun, easy version of the traditional Bright Hopes block.
- Completed block size is 12 ½" square. (This is the size when you turn it in before it is sewn into a quilt.)
- Use a neutral thread color.
- All seams are scant 1/4" seams unless otherwise indicated.



Choose your fabric:

For this block you need three fabrics: one fun, bright fabric for the center square, and two coordinating border fabrics. The more contrast between the fabrics, the better.

Cut the following fabric pieces:

- Bright: Cut one square 8 ½ inches by 8 ½ inches.
- Border 1: Cut two rectangles 2 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches.
- Border 2: Cut two rectangles 2 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches.



Construct the block:

1. Assemble the block using partial seaming. Lay pieces out as shown here. Stitch the top border piece to the center piece, leaving about two inches of the left side unstitched and the border "tail" hanging loose. Press toward the border piece.



Next, stitch the right border piece to the center piece. Press toward the border piece. Repeat for the bottom and left borders. For the final step, complete the first seam at the top of the block, overlapping the first stitching slightly. Press the full seam toward the border piece.



Here is the final block:



Here are a few more examples.



To take part in the drawing, bring your finished blocks to the meeting on March 25, 2024, or mail them to Kate Allen by March 18.

Questions? Suggestions for future blocks? Feel free to email me, Jody Gray, at uteparkjody@zoho.com.