PROJECT: Bright New Day Block 1
American Patchwork & Quilting
2021 Block of the Month

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FABRICS are from the Bella Solids collection by Moda Fabrics (modafabrics.com).
FINISHED BLOCK: 12" square

MATERIALS
Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- 9x21" piece (fat eighth) solid white
- 8" square solid yellow
- 8" square solid green
- 10" square each solid aqua and solid coral
- 2¾" square solid gray

CUT FABRICS
Cut pieces in the following order.
If you prefer to make triangle-squares larger than necessary and trim them to size, cut 3¾" squares instead of the 3¾" squares specified here.

From solid white, cut:
- 1—3¾" square, cutting it twice diagonally in an X for 4 triangles
- 6—3¾" squares
- 4—2¾" squares

From solid yellow, cut:
- 2—3¾" squares

From solid green, cut:
- 4—3¾" squares

From solid aqua, cut:
- 2—3¾" squares, cutting each twice diagonally in an X for 8 triangles

From solid coral, cut:
- 1—3¾" square, cutting it twice diagonally in an X for 4 triangles
- 4—2¾" squares

ASSEMBLE BLOCK
Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.
Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each solid white 3¼" square.

2. Layer a marked solid white square atop a solid yellow 3¼" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼" on each side of drawn line (Diagram 1). Cut apart on drawn line. Press open to make two yellow triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2¾" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four yellow triangle-squares total.

3. Repeat Step 2 using solid green 3¼" squares instead of solid yellow to make eight green triangle-squares.

4. Referring to Diagram 2 for color placement, pair two solid aqua triangles with one solid coral triangle and one solid white triangle. Sew together in pairs; press seams toward aqua triangles. Join pairs to make an hourglass unit. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 2¾" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four hourglass units total.

5. Referring to Diagram 3, lay out triangle-squares, solid white 2¾" squares, solid coral 2¾" squares, hourglass units, and solid gray 2¾" square in five rows. Using a scant ¼" seam allowance, sew together pieces in rows. Using a scant ¼" seam allowance, join rows to make a block. The block should be 12½" square including seam allowances.
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