PROJECT: Bright New Day Block 2
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.

☐ 18”x21” piece (fat quarter) solid white
☐ 7” square each solid aqua and solid yellow
☐ 9”x21” piece (fat eighth) solid green
☐ 2”x12” strip solid coral
☐ 2 1/2” 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 3” squares instead of the 2 1/2” squares specified here.

From solid white, cut:
☐ 6–2 1/2” squares
☐ 4–2 1/2”x4 1/2” rectangles
☐ 1–2”x12” strip
☐ 1–1 1/2”x15” strip
☐ 2–1 1/2”x8” strips

From solid aqua, cut:
☐ 2–2 1/2” squares

From solid yellow, cut:
☐ 4–2 1/2” squares

From solid green, cut:
☐ 2–1 1/2”x15” strips
☐ 1–1 1/2”x8” strip

ASSEMBLE BLOCK
Measurements include 1/4” 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 2 1/2” square.

2 Layer a marked solid white 2 1/2” square atop a solid aqua 2 1/2” square. Sew together with two seams, stitching 1/4” on each side of drawn line (Diagram 1). Cut pair apart on drawn line to make two triangles. Press triangles open to make two aqua triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2 1/2” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four aqua triangle-squares total.

3 Repeat Step 2 using solid yellow 2 1/2” squares instead of solid aqua to make eight yellow triangle-squares.

4 Sew together solid green 1 1/2”x15” strips and solid white 1 1/2”x15” strip to make Strip Set A (Diagram 2). Cut strip set into eight 1 1/2”-wide A segments.

5 Sew together solid white 1 1/2”x8” strips and solid green 1 1/2”x8” strip to make Strip Set B (Diagram 3). Cut strip set into four 1 1/2”-wide B segments.

6 Referring to Diagram 4, sew together two A segments and one B segment to make a Nine-Patch unit. The unit should be 3 1/2” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four Nine-Patch units total.

7 Sew together solid white 2”x12” strip and solid coral 2”x12” strip to make Strip Set C (Diagram 5). Cut strip set into four 2 1/2”-wide C segments.

8 Referring to Diagram 6, sew together Nine-Patch units, C segments, and solid gray 2 1/2” square in rows. Join rows to make block center. The block center should be 8 1/2” square including seam allowances.

9 Referring to Diagram 7, sew together two yellow triangle-squares and one solid white 2 1/2”x4 1/2” rectangle to make a short side unit. Press seams toward yellow triangle-squares. The unit should be 2 1/2”x8 1/2” including seam allowances. Repeat to make four short side units total.

10 Referring to Diagram 7, sew together two aqua triangle-squares and one short side unit to make a long side unit. Press seams toward solid white rectangle. The unit should be 2 1/2”x12 1/2” including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second long side unit.

11 Sew short side units to opposite edges of block center. Add long side units to remaining edges to complete block. Press seams toward outside strips. The block should be 12 1/2” square including seam allowances.

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