PROJECT: Bright New Day Block 3
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.

- 10” square each solid coral, solid aqua, solid green, and solid gray
- 9x21” piece (fat eighth) solid white
- 5” square solid yellow

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 2³⁄₄” squares specified here.

From solid coral, cut:
- 2–2¾” squares
- 4–2⅝” squares

From solid aqua, cut:
- 4–3” squares
- 2–2¾” squares

From solid green, cut:
- 1–5¼” square
- 2–2¾” squares

From solid gray, cut:
- 4–2¾” squares, cutting each in half diagonally for 8 triangles total

From solid white, cut:
- 1–4⅜” square, cutting it in half diagonally for 2 triangles total
- 2–2¾” squares
- 4–2⅝×4⅝” rectangles

From solid yellow, cut:
- 1–4⅜” square, cutting it in half diagonally for 2 triangles total

ASSEMBLE BLOCK
Measurements include ⅛” 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 coral and solid aqua square (2¼”, 2⅝”, and 3”).

2 Align a marked solid coral 2½” square with right-hand end of a solid white 2½x4½” rectangle (Diagram 1; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to ¼” Press open attached triangle to make a corner unit. The unit still should be 2⅝x4⅝” including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second corner unit.

3 Repeat Step 2, aligning remaining marked coral 2½” squares with left-hand ends of remaining solid white 2½x4½” rectangles to make two reversed corner units.

4 Referring to Diagram 2, align marked solid aqua 3” squares with opposite corners of solid green 5¼” square. Sew a scant ¼” on both sides of lines. Cut apart on drawn lines to make two triangle units. Press triangle units open (Diagram 3).

5 Referring to Diagram 4, align a marked solid aqua 3” square with green corner of a triangle unit. Sew a scant ¼” on each side of drawn line; cut apart on drawn line. Press triangles open to make two Flying Geese units (Diagram 5). Trim each unit to 4⅝x2⅓” including seam allowances. Repeat with remaining triangle unit to make four Flying Geese units total.

6 Layer a marked solid coral 2⅞” square atop a solid white 2⅞” square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼” on each side of drawn line (Diagram 6). Cut apart on drawn line. Press open to make two coral triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2½” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four coral triangle-squares total.

7 Repeat Step 6 using marked solid aqua 2⅞” squares and solid green 2⅞” squares to make four green triangle-squares.

8 Referring to Diagram 7, sew together a solid gray triangle and a green triangle-square. Referring to Diagram 8, add a solid gray triangle to make a pieced triangle unit. Repeat to make four pieced triangle units total.

9 Referring to Diagram 9, pair two solid yellow triangles and two solid white triangles. Sew together in pairs; press seams toward yellow triangles. Join pairs to make an hourglass unit. Press seam in one direction. The unit should be 6½” square including seam allowances.

10 Referring to Diagram 10, sew pieced triangle units to opposite edges of hourglass unit. Add remaining pieced triangle units to remaining edges to make center unit. Trim unit to 8½” square.

11 Referring to Diagram 11, sew together two coral triangle-squares and a Flying Geese unit to make a short side unit. The short side unit should be 2⅝x8½” including seam allowances. Press seams toward triangle-squares. Repeat to make a second short side unit.
12 Referring to Diagram 11, sew together a corner unit, a Flying Geese unit, and a reversed corner unit to make a long side unit. The long side unit should be 2½×12½” including seam allowances. Press seams toward corner units. Repeat to make a second long side unit.

13 Sew short side units to opposite edges of center unit. Add long side units to remaining edges to complete block. Press seams toward side units. The block should be 12½” square including seam allowances.

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