PROJECT: Bright New Day Block 4
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 x 21” piece (fat quarter) solid white
- 10” square each solid yellow and solid green
- 4½” square solid aqua

CUT FABRICS
Cut pieces in the following order.

From solid white, cut:
- 2—2 7/8” squares
- 4—2 1/2 x 4 1/2” rectangles
- 8—2 1/2” squares
- 4—1 1/2 x 8 1/2” rectangles

From solid yellow, cut:
- 8—2 1/2” squares

From solid green, cut:
- 2—2 7/8” squares
- 4—1 1/2 x 8 1/2” rectangles

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 2 7/8” square, four solid white 2 1/2” squares, and each solid yellow 2 1/2” square.

2 Align a marked solid white 2 1/2” square with one corner of solid aqua 4 1/2” square (Diagram 1; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Add a second marked solid white 2 1/2” square to opposite corner; trim and press as before. In the same manner, add remaining marked solid white 2 1/2” squares to remaining corners to make a Square-in-a-Square unit. The unit still should be 4½” square including seam allowances.

3 Align a marked solid yellow square with one end of a solid white 2 1/2 x 4 1/2” rectangle (Diagram 2; note direction of marked line). Sew on marked line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press open attached triangle. Add a second solid yellow square to opposite end of rectangle; trim and press to make a Flying Geese unit. The unit still should be 2 1/2 x 4 1/2” including seam allowances. Repeat to make four matching Flying Geese units total.

4 Referring to Diagram 3, lay out solid white 2 1/2” squares, Flying Geese units, and Square-in-a-Square unit in three rows. Sew together units in rows. Join rows to make a center unit. The unit should be 8 1/2” square including seam allowances.

5 Join a solid white 1 1/2 x 8 1/2” rectangle and a solid green 1 1/2 x 8 1/2” rectangle to make a side unit (Diagram 4). The side unit should be 2 1/2 x 8 1/2” including seam allowances. Repeat to make four side units total.

6 Layer a marked solid white 2 7/8” square atop a solid green 2 7/8” square. Sew together with two seams, stitching ¼” on each side of drawn line (Diagram 5). Cut apart on drawn line. Press open to make two triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be 2 1/2” square including seam allowances. Repeat to make four triangle-squares total.

7 Referring to Diagram 6, lay out triangle-squares, side units, and center unit in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to complete block. The block should be 12 1/2” square including seam allowances.
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