

HSV Quilt Guild, Inc.
February 2021 Block of the month

This month's block of the month is named Underground. It is number 25 in the Moda Stitch Pink challenge. You can access information and the instructions for making this 12.5" block here: <https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/stitch-pink-block-25>.

Helpful hints:

You may choose to follow the instructions as written. If you like to take quick piecing shortcuts, here are some notes from when I made this block. You may find them helpful.

- I changed the cutting instructions to reflect some construction changes I made:
 - A – I cut (4) 2.5" squares for the corners and (4) 3" blocks for constructing the fast flying geese I used to replace steps 5-9.
 - C – I cut 3" squares and used them with the D squares to make two at a time half squares instead of cutting triangles.
 - D – I cut 3" squares.
 - E – I cut (4) rectangles 2.5x4.5 and (1) 5.5 inch square for the flying geese I substituted for the covered corners.
- Assembly
 - Steps 1-4 – I used the squares I cut from C and D (above) to make half square triangles by drawing a diagonal line from corner to corner on the lighter squares; placing them right sides together with the darker squares, and sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the line. Then, open; press; and trim to 2.5x2.5, as instructed in step 3.
 - Steps 5-9 calls for a covered corner technique. I find I am not all that precise with that method, so I replaced these steps with four flying geese and rectangles made using A and E. (A tutorial on this method of making flying geese may be found here: <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/no-waste-flying-geese-for-quilts-2821760>). The flying geese units use four squares of A and the large square of E. They are trimmed to 2.5x4.5 and sewn to the rectangles of E to create the final unit.

Final assembly:

Assemble the units as shown on the instructions and trim the final block to 12.5 inches.

Here is a photo of my completed block:

