

Puyallup Valley Quilter's September Block of the Month

Well now that a new year is beginning we will begin a new theme. We will do hexagons-6 sided shapes. I am going to make them easy. That is the challenge. I enjoy optical illusions so I am hoping you will join me in my pursuit. If you can put a quilt or wall hanging together I will need to get a picture of it just in case someday my idea of a book turns into a reality. I will use each month to do a new block so that in the end there will be at least 12 patterns. Am I challenged by our June speaker Sharon K Baker? Well yes! The quilt guild has a positive encouraging effect on me. I will also try to find better incentives so that people will want to participate in the midst of our busy lives. Hey my classes are free. (:

We will be picking two colors white and blue. Let the blue be marble or flower or paisley: something with some variety to it. I took the white material and cut a $3\frac{3}{4}$ by 20 inch strip. Use a 60 degree triangle ruler to cut out 6 triangles. Then with the blue material cut out a one inch strip of 42 inch wide material.

Lay out the triangles into a hexagon. Using the white triangle and a little ruler, measure in from the outside a half-inch where the blue strip will lay right sides together up against the ruler. Take the ruler away and sew the blue strip to the white material with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. When you press it open it will cover the ends of the triangle. Just trim the edges off so that the triangle is intact. Do this to all 6 of the triangles.

We are going to take a strip of the blue material and add it to every other triangle forming 3 divisions of 2 triangles. We will sew it on the same way as before using the ruler. When we place our hexagon together we will sew 3 triangles together on one side and 3 on the other. Then it will be easy to sew the 2 halves together. Voila there you have a spinning hexagon. I will also be trying it with dark, medium and light. Another variety is to use the base as blue and the white as the edge.



