

Join Us for Block of the Month!— A Traditional Block and a Modern Variation
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📌 **Jan 26 Show & Tell Reminder** - Please bring **your Shoo Fly blocks and 4 Half Square Triangle, Rail Fence, Snowball, Courthouse and 4-Patch blocks you have not shared yet.**

Traditional – Shoo Fly Block - makes 1- 9 1/2" block

- Cut 2 - 4" x 4" pieces of color 1 (focus fabric)
- Cut 2 - 4" x 4" pieces of color 2 (background)
- Cut 1 - 3- 1/2" x 3- 1/2" piece of color 1
- Cut 4 - 3- 1/2" x 3- 1/2" pieces of color 2.
 - Make Half Square Triangles (HST) with the 4" squares: Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the lighter pair of 4" squares.
 - Place 1 each - color 1 and color 2 with right sides together.
 - With drawn line up, sew 1/4" inch on both sides of line. Cut on the drawn line.
 - You now have 4 HSTs. Press HSTs open and trim to 3 1/2" squares.
- Arrange 4 HSTs and 3-1/2" squares into a 9 patch as shown in Fig 1.



Fig 1-Traditional

Modern Variation – Shoo Fly Block

- Cut 2 - 4" x 4" pieces of color 1 (focus fabric)
- Cut 2 - 4" x 4" pieces of color 2 (background)
- Cut 2 - 4" x 3 1/2" pieces of color 2
- Cut 1 - 4" x 10" piece of color 2
 - Make 4 HSTs with the 4" squares as the instructions above for the traditional block.
- Sew 1- 4" x 3 1/2" piece between 2 HSTs on right side of square.
- Repeat with remaining 2 squares on left side.
- Sew the 4 x 10" piece between the 2 halves of the block.
- Press block with seams toward center. Trim to 9 1/2" square if needed. See Fig 2.
 - Carefully cut block in half from top to bottom and then cut from side to side.
 - Turn upper left square by 180 degrees.
 - Turn lower right square by 180 degrees.
 - Sew the four squares together in the new orientation. See Fig 3.



Fig 2- Modern Step 1



Fig 3- Modern Step 2

Or create your own Shoo Fly block variation.



Block of the Month Program - Explained in the June 10 and July 10 newsletters

See newsletter for other blocks. **4-Patch**-June, **Courthouse**-Aug, **Snowball**-Sept, **Rail Fence**-Oct and **4 Half Square Triangle**-Nov

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