

Modern Delft & Modern Delft II Quilt Blocks



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My trip to Holland a couple of years ago inspired me to make this block! I also own some dishes which are designed like the traditional Delftware- I love the pretty blue color and the delicate floral designs. While Delftware was originally made in the Netherlands in the 16th century, this is my “modern” take on this style- a graphic block combined with somewhat traditional floral embroidery. If you don’t want to do the embroidery, I’ve created a version with a pinwheel in the center of the block instead, called Modern Delft II, and it can be found at the end of this pattern.

Because the squares are kind of small, I recommend embroidering them first, before you even cut them out. Embroider 4 of the flowers and 1 wreath onto a large piece of white fabric, leaving plenty of space in between each design. Then, cut a 2 1/2” square around each flower, and cut a 3 1/2” square around the wreath. (Or, if you are comfortable embroidering onto small pieces of fabric, cut the fabric squares out first and then embroider the designs.)

Finished Block 12” (Unfinished size 12 1/2”)

For Modern Delft (with embroidery), you will need:

Dark Blue fabric

- 4- 3” x 7 1/2”
- 4- 2 1/2” squares

Light Blue fabric

- 4- 2 1/2” x 3 1/2”

White fabric

- 1- 3 1/2” square (embroidered wreath)
- 4- 3” squares (embroidered flower on each)

Embroidery floss- Aurifil #2740 (dark blue)

Embroidery supplies such as hoop, needle, marker to transfer design (either a washout embroidery marker, or a very fine permanent marker such as Pigma Micron.)

To make the block:

Embroider the White squares as described above.

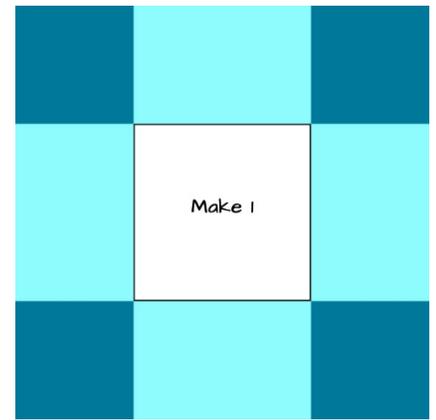
Sew a Light Blue rectangle to each side of the 3 1/2” White square. Press seam allowances toward Light Blue.



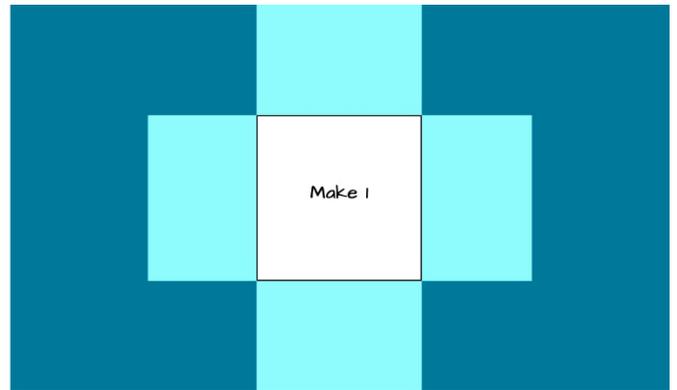
Sew a Dark Blue square to each end of the remaining Light Blue rectangles. Press seam allowances toward Light Blue.



Sew the Dark Blue/Light Blue units to the remaining sides of the White square. Press seam allowances toward blue.



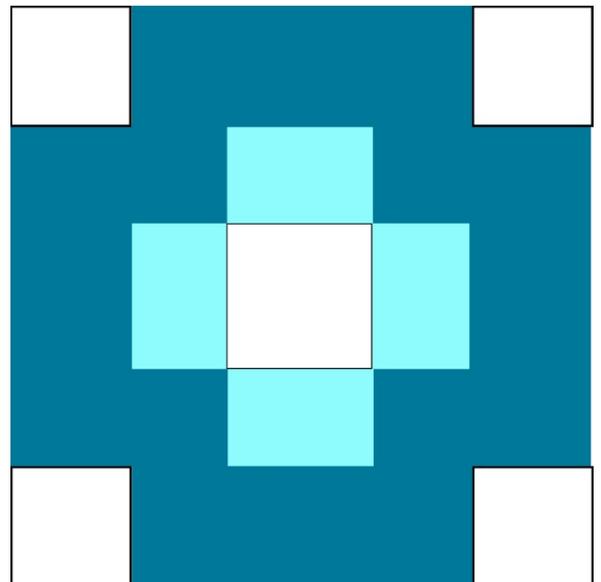
Sew a Dark Blue rectangle to 2 sides of the center unit. Press seam allowances toward Dark Blue.



Sew a White square to each end of the remaining Dark Blue rectangles. Press seam allowance toward Dark Blue.



Sew the White/Dark Blue units to the remaining sides of the center unit. Press seam allowance toward White/Dark Blue unit.



To make the Modern Delft II block (without embroidery), you will need:

Dark Blue fabric

- 4- 3" x 7 1/2"
- 4- 2 1/2" squares
- 2- 2 5/8" squares

Medium Blue fabric

- 4- 2 1/2" x 3 1/2"
- 2- 2 5/8" squares

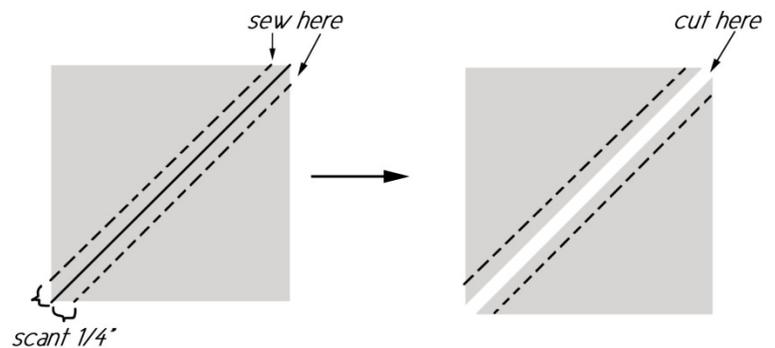
White fabric

- 4- 3" squares

Place a 2 5/8" Dark Blue square right sides together with a 2 5/8" Medium Blue square. Repeat with other squares so you have 2 pairs of squares.

Use a ruler and a pencil, chalk pencil, or embroidery marker to draw a line diagonally from corner to corner, on the **WRONG** side of the fabric of each "square pair". Then draw a line a scant 1/4" on each side of this line. I like to use a see-through ruler for this step. (You can also just draw the line down the center, and use your 1/4" foot to sew 1/4" away from that center line... but I like the accuracy I get by drawing in all of the lines.)

Pin the pairs together, and sew on those "side" lines (not the center line), then cut on the center line:



Press the seam allowed toward the Dark Blue. **Trim the HST units to 2" square.**

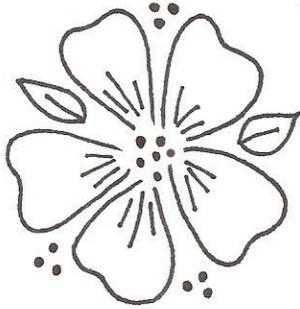
Sew the HST's into 2 pairs that look like this, and press seam allowances open:



Then sew them together into a pinwheel and press seam allowances open.



To make block, follow instructions above for Modern Delft block, substituting the pinwheel square for the 3 1/2" White center square.



Flower- backstitch outline.
Dots indicate French knot.
These will be centered on the
four 3" squares.



Wreath- backstitch circle.
Leaves are detached chain
stitch.
This will be centered on one
3 ½" square.


this line
should be 1"
when printed

For embroidery, use 2
strands of Aurifil #2740
(dark blue) embroidery floss.

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