

Block of Month

September 2023

HOT AIR BALLOON

Use your imagination to make a colorful balloon floating across the sky. Use any method you like:

- a giant pieced block
- applique on a pieced (or plain) background
- a great piece of fabric

Fabrics

Background--sky blue

Balloon--bright colors against the sky

Gondola (Basket)--any color that contrasts with the sky fabric

CUTTING

Balloon (A)--Make a 5 1/4 x 5 1/4 pieced block OR cut a 5 1/4 x 5 1/4 piece of fabric

Background--sky 4 B 1.5 x 1.5
 2 C 1.5 x 5.25
 1 D 1.25 x 1.25
 2 G 2.25 x 3.5
 2 H 1 x 7.25

Basket 2 E 3/4 x 1.25
 1 F 1.75 x 1.5

SEWING

1. Make balloon using method you like. See CUTTING #1.
 - Add 4 B to each corner of A, then use flip and sew to make triangle corners
 - Add 1 C to each left and right side of A
2. Gondola (Basket)
 - Add 1 E to each left and right side of D
 - Add F to bottom of D
3. Add 1 G to each left and right side of gondola
4. Add gondola section to bottom of balloon section
5. Add 1 H to both top and bottom of balloon block