



International Sister Block

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<https://sewpreetiquilts.blogspot.com/2019/05/international-sister-block.html>

Based on the presentation by Leslie Batt at
the 2021 Joint IQD

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- The International Sister Block was created by Preeti Harris based on a block called African Queen (original block designed by Anne Batiste).
- Besides being so appropriate for the current interest in inclusiveness, world respect, and unity, this block is a great project for using small scraps, especially those “what was I thinking?” wild prints. The largest piece is 6 ½” square.

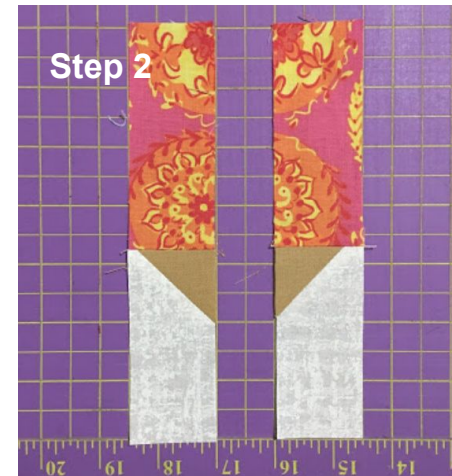
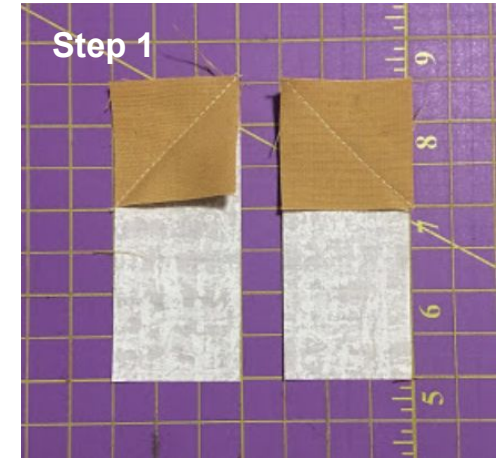
A few important things to remember

- The 2-piece headdress, dress and sleeves should be the same fabric or at least coordinated. Pay attention if your fabric is directional because the block is on point.
- The instructions show the arrangement of the hands in a certain way known as hands “open”. I don’t see why they couldn’t be either way, as long as they match.
- If making many “Sister Blocks” it is strongly recommended making templates out of light cardboard or plastic for the small pieces, other than the dress, to avoid having to re-check dimensions, especially if you are going to do a number of these blocks. It saves the constant checking of measurements and improves efficiency.

Instructions:

All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press all seams open.

1. Mark a diagonal line on the 1.5" "hands" squares. Place RST on the top corners (one aligning with the top left corner and one with the top right corner) of the small background rectangles. Sew on the line. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the crease, discard the corners and press seams open.
2. Add the sleeves to the palms. Press seams open.
3. Sew the 2" x 2.5" headdress square to the top of the 2.5" face square. Sew the 2" x 4" rectangle to the right side of the face/headdress. Press seams open.
4. Arrange the pieces as follows. The palms can be up or down.







Layout ideas

- The International Sister block can be laid out in any way you can imagine. These are just a few ideas on the layout!





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BJ Reid
using the
Sister Block