

Toad in the Hole – Block 2



With this block there is no set fabric placement so you can play with your fabrics until you have them how you like. As the central square is larger, an interesting or bold colour might look best. It works quite well with a different colour in each square or you could put the same colour in each corner.

If you have interesting patterns on your fabric you might like to “fussy” cut them. Cut a 3½ inch square of cardboard then cut a 3 inch square out of the centre leaving a window with a ¼ inch border. You can place this over the fabric to see how your patch will look. Once you are happy with your placement draw around the edge then use a ruler and rotary cutter to cut it accurately.

For this block, all seams are ¼ inch.

Try to find a neutral thread that will match all your fabrics so you don't have to keep changing thread. With some bright colours or white you might have to change, but often sludgy beige, grey brown or a dull blue will blend well.

Iron your fabrics and cut 12 - 3 ½ inch squares and 1 – 6 ½ inch square.

Decide on the placement of your pieces and lay out in three rows, see photo above for possible layout.

On the central row, sew 2 - 3 ½ inch squares together, press to darker fabric.

Sew these pairs to the sides of the large square and press.

Sew four squares on the top row together and also sew the lower row squares together.

Press seams to one side checking that where the seams will join on the four corner squares, you press the seams in opposite directions on each row.

Sew the three rows together matching at the seams. A pin sideways at each seam joint might help to keep the fabric in place.

Give a final press.

Your block is now complete and should measure 12 ½ inches.