**Block of the Month – April 2017**

Butterflies By Susan Edwards

**Fabric:** Choose an assortment of purples with white or white tone-on-tone for the background.

**Cutting:**

1. Cut one 7 inch square from purple fabric and one 7 inch square from white fabric.

2. Cut two 5.5 inch squares from the white fabric.

3. Cut one 10.5 inch by 5.5 inch rectangle from the white fabric.

**Quarter Square Triangle (Hourglass) Block Steps:**

1. Lay the 7 inch squares right sides together, with the white on top and purple on the bottom.

2. Draw a line from one corner to the other diagonally across the white square.

3. Sew ¼ inch on each side of the drawn line. You should have 2 seams going diagonally across the square.

4. Cut the piece apart on the drawn line down the middle of the sewn seams.

5. Iron the seam to the dark side of each cut piece.

6. Flip the 2 cut pieces around, right sides together, so that the seams are in the center and each side has a dark and light piece lined up on opposite sides.

7. On the wrong side of one triangle square, draw a line diagonally across the piece, perpendicular to the seam. See step 2.

8. Sew ¼ inch on each side of the drawn line. You should have 2 seams going diagonally across the triangle square.

9. Cut the piece apart on the drawn line down the middle of the sewn seams.

10. Press open the center seam on each hourglass piece.

11. Trim the piece to measure 5.5 inches. Make sure the center point of the X is in the middle!

**Assembling the block:**

1. Sew the 5.5 x 10.5 inch white fabric strip to the purple side of one of the quarter square triangles. See picture at bottom right.

2. Sew the 5.5 inch squares to the purple sides of the other quarter square triangle.

3. DO NOT sew the above (step 1 and 2) two pieces together.

4. Turn them in as two separate blocks.



Adapted from villarosadesigns.com “Purple Haze”