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This block is inspired by the West Point Lighthouse in Prince Edward Island. A favorite vacation destination.

Fabric requirements:

3 ½ x 12 ½ inch strip of sand fabric  
Charm square of pale blue solid  
1 ½ inch square of solid yellow fabric  
1 ½ inch x 3 ½ inch rectangle of solid red

Fat eighths of:

-Sky fabric  
-black solid  
-white solid

Cutting:

Cut 6 - 1 ½ inch squares of pale blue solid for windows

Cut 8 - 1 ½ inch x 6 inch rectangles of solid black

Cut 4 - 1 ½ inch x 12 ½ inch rectangles of solid white

Wait to cut sky and sand fabric for now.

Sew four 1 ½ inch pale blue squares between two solid black rectangles. Press towards the black. These should now measure 1 ½ inches by 12 ½ inches.

Sew white and black strips together on the long sides beginning with white on top and ending with black on bottom. Make sure the windows are lined up as best you can. Press seams towards the black fabric.

This unit should now measure 8 ½ inches by 12 ½ inches.

On the bottom black edge measure in 2 ¼ inches from each side and make a mark. (Use a yellow or white quilt marking pencil or chalk.)

On the top white edge measure in  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches from each side and make a mark. Line up your ruler between the top and bottom marks on the right side and cut. Line up your ruler between the top and bottom marks on the left side and cut.

Use these off-cuts as templates to cut your sky pieces for either side of the lighthouse but cut them a half inch larger all around. If you are using a directional fabric remember the narrower edge goes at the top.

Line up your right sky piece with the right side of the lighthouse right sides together. Centre the lighthouse piece on the edge of the sky piece. Sew with a quarter inch seam allowance and press towards the sky piece.

Repeat on the left side of the lighthouse.

Trim this unit to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches as follows:

Trim excess sky fabric from the top and bottom edges. Trim the sides to end up with a  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inch width by lining up the  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inch ruler mark with the centre of the bottom window.

Sew the two remaining  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch pale blue squares to either side of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch yellow solid square. Press seams towards the blue.

Sew blue and yellow squares unit to the top of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch red rectangle. Press towards the red. This unit should now measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Cut sky pieces  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches x 5 inches and sew to either side of the lighthouse top unit. Press towards the sky pieces. Sew this to the top of the lighthouse centering the yellow light over the blue centre windows.

Cut a strip of sand fabric 3 inches by  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches and sew to the bottom of the lighthouse. Press towards the sand. Square up your block to measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches x  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches.