

Block of the Month for 2020-2021, in the time of covid

Overview:

Because we won't be together in person for an undetermined amount of time, there will NOT be a monthly raffle for Block of the Month. Instead, there are two options for those who want to participate.

Option 1: Make blocks in red, white, and blue. They can be donated to quilt bank for the veterans 'quilt projects. Blocks can be dropped at Cape Cod Quilts and Cottages.

Option 2: There will be a NEW category in the 2021 Quilt Show for Block of the Month quilts. To participate, here are the rules:

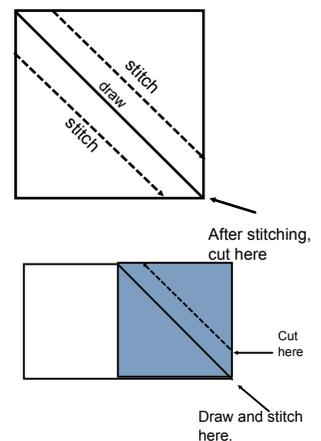
- There will be twelve block patterns given. Use AT LEAST six different blocks from this set of twelve. You can repeat blocks if you choose, but use a minimum of six.
- In the body of the quilt, do NOT use any other pieced blocks. This would include pieced cornerstones in sashing, for example.
- The border can be pieced.

Important things you might want to know or think about:

- All blocks will be made to measure 12.5 inches, so are 12-inch finished blocks.
- We suggest using a unifying background color or fabric. If you're planning to make all twelve blocks, we estimate you'd need about 3 yards of background. It doesn't need to be one fabric, but it can be.
- In our directions, we will give measurements for specific techniques to construct half-square triangles, flying geese units, and square-in-a-square units. Everyone has their own favorite method, so feel free to deviate, but we will be consistent throughout the year with cutting instructions.
- The blocks may have two, three, or four fabrics (including the background). However, scrappy quilts may use many more in a block. Go wild!
- Every block is based around either a nine patch, or a sixteen patch, and have varying degrees of difficulty.
- We will give two block patterns in September, October, November, and January, and one block pattern in February, March, April, and May. That being said, you can certainly do them at any time no matter which option you chose. Quilt bank always needs blocks!

Half Square triangle units:

We will use the method where you cut two squares $7/8$ " larger than the finished size. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the squares. Stitch $1/4$ " on each side of the square. Cut on the drawn line and press. You will have two squares of the desired size.



Flying Geese units:

We will use the method where you cut a rectangle and two squares. On the back of each square, draw a diagonal line. Lay one square on the corner of the rectangle, and stitch on the drawn line. Cut $1/4$ " away from this line. Press. Then repeat with the other square at the other side of the rectangle. (The picture only shows one of the sides.)

Square-in-a-Square units:

We will give directions using the same techniques as for the flying geese units, but you will stitch squares onto all four corners of the center square.