

Block of the Month for 2021-2022

Overview:

This year, all the BOM blocks will be the same star with different centers. There will be nine block patterns given, one each month from September through May. We see three options for using the blocks this year.

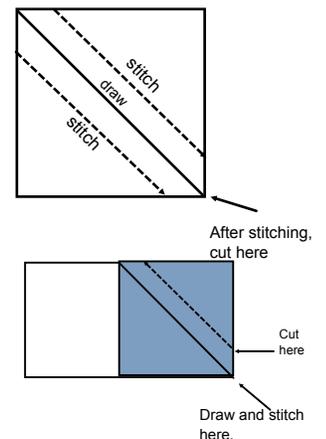
- Make blocks in the suggested color way for the month and bring them to the monthly meeting for the traditional raffle.
- Make red, white, and blue blocks to donate them to the Quilt Bank for the veterans' quilts.
- Pick a favorite color way, use this for all the blocks, and enter a quilt into the quilt show. We hope if you choose this option, you will use at least six of the nine blocks in your quilt. We encourage other techniques for borders and sashing.
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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 nine blocks, you will need a total of 36 flying geese units and 36 half square triangles for the outer frames of the blocks. These will be the same for each month.
- In our directions, we will give measurements for specific techniques to construct half-square triangles and flying geese 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.
- We will give one block pattern each month September through May. That being said, you can certainly do them at any time no matter which option you chose. Quilt bank always needs blocks!

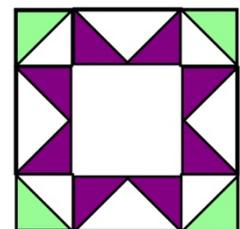
Half Square triangle units:

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.)



This diagram shows the basic BOM block for the year:

The flying geese measure 6.5 by 3.5 inches SEWN, and the half square triangles measure 3.5 inches SEWN. The center will be a 6.5 inch SEWN square that will be different each month.