

## Block of the Month for 2022-2023

### Overview:

This year, there will be a category in the quilt show for Block of the Month. There will be nine block patterns given, one each month from September through May. Of the nine blocks, seven will have three colors, one will have four colors, and one will have two colors.

### 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.
- The only restriction is that you need to use at least five of the nine block patterns given. You can repeat blocks, and you can include other blocks you love that aren't blocks of the month.
- If you want to use the same fabrics throughout, plan ahead! We used fat quarters for the first block with plenty left over. So you will probably need about a yard or more each of three fabrics and a fat quarter of one for the month with four colors IF you make one each of all nine blocks.
- Scrappy quilts are also welcome and encouraged!
- In our directions, we will give measurements for specific techniques to construct half-square triangles. Everyone has their own favorite method, so feel free to deviate, but we will be consistent throughout the year with cutting instructions.
- 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.
- If you make blocks, but decide not to use them, donate them. Quilt bank always needs blocks!

Here is the method we will use for half-square triangle units in our instructions.

### 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.

