

QUILTS *happen* – Block of the Month #2

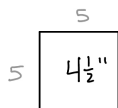
Fabrics:

	<u>*Fabric Color</u>	<u>*Size Provided</u>
A	Teal dot marble	5" x 5" square
H	Dark Apricot	5" x 11" rectangle
K	Light Blue	6" x 9" rectangle
L	Dark Blue	6" x 11" rectangle
BG	White/green circles	11" x 11" square

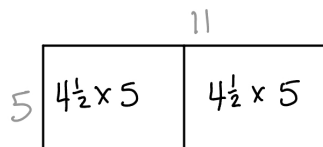


Cutting Directions:

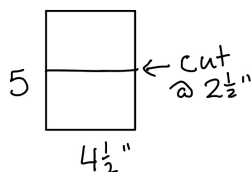
- From fabric **A** (teal dot marble), cut one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square and set aside.



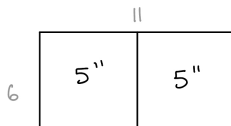
- From fabric **H** (dark apricot), cut (2) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" rectangles.



- o *Sub-cut* into (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

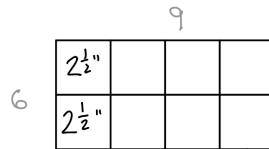


- From fabric **L** (dark blue), cut (2) 5" squares.

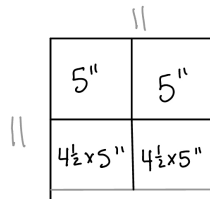


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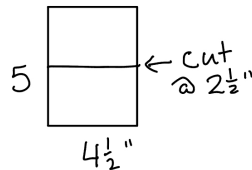
- From fabric **K** (light blue), cut (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



- From **BG** (background), cut (2) 5" squares, AND cut (2) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" rectangles



- o Sub-cut the $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 5" rectangles into (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.



Piecing Directions:

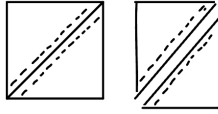
Half-square Triangle (HST) Units:

- Pair one 5" **BG** (background) square with each 5" square of fabric **L** (dark blue) – right sides together (RST).
 - Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of BG (background fabric). ***Note: if you use diagonal seam tape, you can skip this step.*
 - Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch along BOTH sides of drawn line – on all sets.



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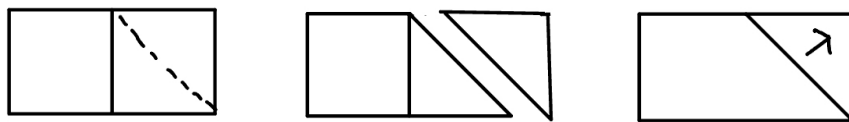
- c. Cut squares apart on drawn line, creating 2 half-square triangles (HST) from each block set, for a total of 4.



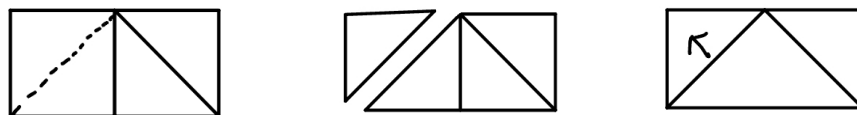
- d. Open and *press* toward the colored fabrics.
- e. TRIM to 4 1/2 inches square, if needed.

Flying Geese (FG) Units:

1. Place one 2 1/2" square from fabric **K** (light blue) on the right side of each of the background (**BG**) 4 1/2 x 5" rectangles.
 - a. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of the 2 1/2" square (light blue).
***Note: if you use diagonal seam tape, you can omit this step.*
 - b. Sew DIRECTLY ON THE LINE from corner to corner - on all 4 sets.
 - c. Trim 1/4 inch from the seam on the OUTER side to remove the excess pieces of the light blue fabric and background fabric.
 - d. Press the light blue triangle toward the corner.



2. Repeat with the other 4 squares and rectangles, on the left (or opposite) side of the background rectangles.



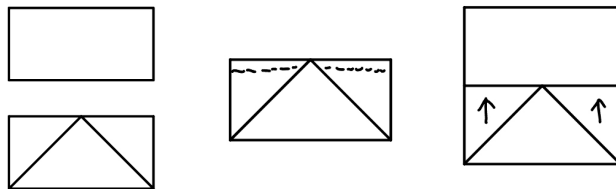
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Flying Geese (FG) and Bar Units:

1. Pair one Flying Geese (FG) Unit with one fabric **H** (dark apricot) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle - make sure the middle point in the FG unit is on the rectangle side - right sides together (RST). Sew together with a 1/4" seam.

***Pay attention when sewing across the point - try to stay just on the outside of the intersection for the point, that way you'll end up with a nice point in the finished unit.*

2. Press toward the rectangle.



3. Repeat for all the rectangle/flying geese units, for a total of 4 units.

Layout & Finishing Directions:

1. Layout pieces according to the picture on the front. Piece together each row.
 - a. Press all seams in row 1 to the right. Press all seams in row 2 to the left. Press all seams in row 3 to the right.

2. Sew the rows together – lining up the points where the squares meet and pinning.

***Since the rows were pressed in opposite directions, you will now be able to “nest” them together with no gaps, so they will line up when you sew!*

3. Press your seams over, or open, whichever is your preference. Press the block flat – try to press up and down or side to side to avoid stretching the corners of the block!

4. Square and trim your finished block to 12.5 inches.

Sit back and admire your beautiful block!