

Week 10 - Partial Seams!

Can you believe we are at WEEK 10!!!

Time for the last of the 30 blocks!

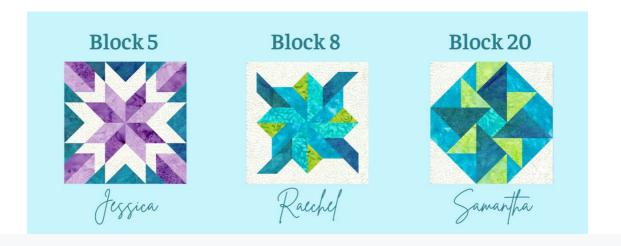
Wow!

We are so glad you were here with us for the Sisterhood Quilt Along.

We hope you have had fun.

This week we will be making blocks 5, 8 and 20!

THE LAST GIVEAWAY IS THIS WEEK- go to the end of the newsletter to see if you are a winner! You don't want to miss this one if you are! We have 3 prizes- a fabric bundle, a thread pack AND an Oliso iron!!!!!



Just in case you haven't started yet, to be able to make the quilt, you do need the pattern! Click below for links to purchase either the paper pattern or the PDF version.



Partial Seams

Some folks shy away from partial seams, but they are easier than you may think!

The biggest tip is the first one we list on page 1 of Month 10 - leave enough room when sewing your first seam to be able to easily maneuver the pieces to finish sewing the seam.

But we also have links below to our blog posts and a video done by Tammy!



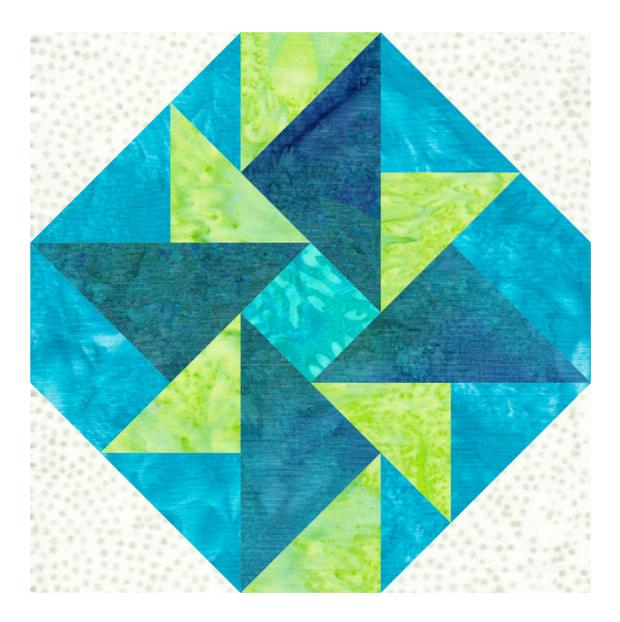
If you're nervous about the partial seam, try a practice block first using four 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and a center 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square and follow the technique sheet from Page 1 of Month 10.

Link to Kate's blog post -Partial Seams

Link to Tammy's blog post- Partial Seams

Link to Video on Partial Seams

Block 20 - Samantha



Samantha is our only block using the partial seam method - but it is so worth it! But this is not the only tricky part with Samantha. The individual units are unusual, so follow the diagrams and instructions carefully.

Note that the partial quarter square triangle units are made with the Basic Instructions. The Fabric M rectangles do overhang the partial quarter square triangle units when pieced.

They are supposed to!

The Fabric M rectangles will be trimmed when you get to Step 5.

Careful and accurate piecing combined with great pressing will yield your best results. Follow the old carpenter's adage - measure twice, cut once! Check your ruler placement, indicated by the red lines on Step 5, BEFORE cutting!

Block 20 - Samantha's Story

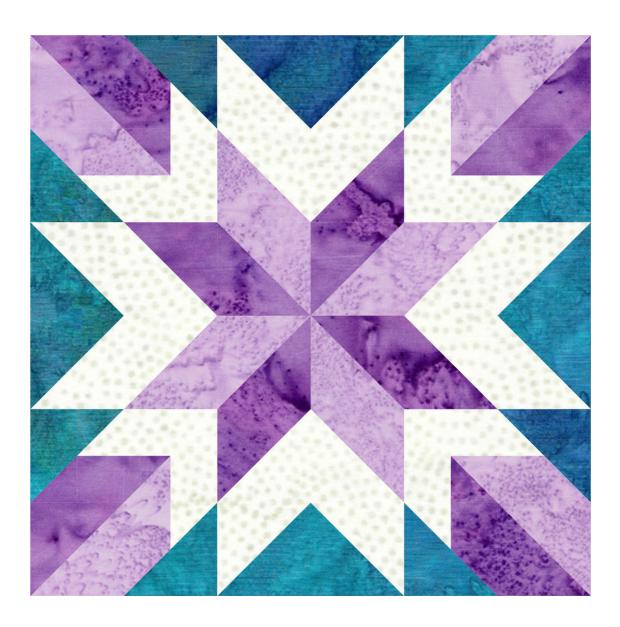
Tammy:

Samantha is my daughter. She is my best friend. Really. Until Samantha, I didn't really know what it was to have a friend that was such a part of your life.

And if you're thinking - oh she grew up with a quilter, so she must quilt, well you'd be wrong. She did some when she was in middle school, but then she quickly turned to sports. Her creative outlet now is in organization. I am always amazed at how she can see a space in a new way.

Sunbeam

Block 5 - Jessica



Yes, we saved a complex block for the end! You'll start off with some old favorites - HST and Flying Geese units. That's easy!

The Shaded 4 Patch units are a bit different than what you have been making. Follow the diagrams and color placement closely. Note that you will be combining a Fabric G square with a Fabric G half square triangle which is NOT oversized.

The Fabric J half square triangle can be oversized. But keep in mind, these units are much smaller than our previous Shaded 4 Patch units!

You get to make a similar unusual combination with Fabric I squares and half square triangles for a different Shaded 4 Patch too!

Then it is just a case of making sections and sewing sections together.

As with most quilt blocks, fabric placement is key, so refer to your diagrams as you go! Take your time and lay out the block so you can make sure you have all the units in the right spot, going in the right direction.

By breaking it down into sections, we have made a complicated block much easier.

Kate loves to use a flannel (or cotton batting) cover block board or portable design board to lay out her blocks. You can purchase them but they are pretty easy to make with a little batting, a piece of foam core board and duck tape!

You can also use fabric strips and a glue gun but duck tape is fast and easy! There are even some rolls of duck tape that have fun prints. I need to find some of those....

Click below for my blog post on how to make these!



Block 5 - Jessica's story

Kate:

This block is named for my older sister. My older sister Jessica has an interesting and complex story. Kind of like the block!

Until she was 56 years old, she was my older brother. And then she decided to be the person she always knew she really was.

Jessica loves being a *girly* girl; probably because for many years she was denied those things. She loves chatting about makeup and hair styles. She doesn't understand my wardrobe (which is heavy with plaid and buffalo check flannel shirts!). She truly has inherited my mother's more elegant style!

But that is what is fun about being a girl- we all get to be the kind of girl we want to be! She is so happy now being her true self and it is heartwarming to see her embraced and supported by family and friends and she explores the world being herself.

Whirling Star

Block 8 - Raechel



After Jessica, almost anything will seem easy! And Raechel is!

You'll be making two sizes of HST units and combining some of them with rectangles to create some interesting units. The units go together like a nine patch, and then you sash her to complete the block.

And that's a wrap! 30 blocks done!

Congratulations!

Block 8 - Raechel's story

Tammy:

Raechel is my niece, Lorrie's daughter. She is truly a free spirit. She has an infectious laughter, and the most amazing smile. And yes, she's a quilter!

While in college, she made a quilt for her mom one year for Christmas. But her talents aren't limited to fabric. She can draw and paint. But her true gift is her open and caring heart. You feel better just being around her.

Guest Designers

Each week, we will have guest quilt designers share a block they made from the Sisterhood quilt and share a story of an influential woman in their life.

Enjoy!



Block 5

from Toni Smith:

To me, sisterhood means having someone that has your back no matter what. It is someone that you can bounce ideas off of and create with. There are a few people in my life that fit that description, but I would not be where I am without my business partner Nicole.

She designs our quilt line and helps me constantly improve our quilt patterns and out business. Thank you Nicole for being the sister I never had.

Toni's website: https://quiltoni.com

Block 8

from Swan Sheridan:

As a young girl, I thought I had 3 sisters, however when I discovered my father and his family in my teens, I gained 4 sisters and a brother! I am the big sister to so many wonderful, brilliant, hilarious, infuriating, and loving siblings.

I've also picked up a few "sisters by choice" over the years and they have all given me powerful foundations on which to build my own life. Sisterhood is more than blood, it is wrapped up in love, support, laughter, tears, apologies, empowerment, and bound



in hugs that never last long enough. Seek out your own sisters and like the threads that bind a quilt, find the strength that comes from many entwined and loving connections.

Swan's website:

https://www.swanamity.com



Block 20

from Jennifer McClanahan:

Quilting is in my blood. I come from a long line of quilters, goes back at least 4 generations that I know of. My quilting inspiration is my grandmother, she turns 96 in a couple of months and is still quilting including still doing handwork. She is the biggest instructor and cheerleader for all of us, even if she isn't the biggest fan of our fabric choices.

Jennifer's website:

www.sweetteapatternco.com



We have a great giveaway this week from Oliso!

This week we have a fabulous giveaway!

An **iron** from the generous folks at Oliso!!!!

Wow!

Have you ever wanted to try one of these?

Tammy and I love our irons. They are the best!

And since we still have a FQ bundle and 1 thread pack still to give away, let's try one last time!!!

And the winners are......

The winner of the Oliso iron is Gay Lynn!

The winner of the Aurifil thread pack is **Rebecca H!**

The winner of the fabric stack is **Peggy B! Congratulations!**

Gay Lynn's email starts with beardg....

Rebecca's email starts with willowlady....

Peggy's email starts with pabangel....

Winners!!!!!

You need to reply to this email with your full name and mailing address BEFORE 9am Sunday June 26th!!!!

Or you can email Tammy directly: <u>info@tamarinis.com</u> or email Kate directly: <u>kate@katecollerandesigns.com</u>.

Thank you so much for participating in our quilt along and for reading our newsletter. We hope you have enjoyed the blocks and the stories as much as we have.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors and to all the guest designers for sharing their version of the blocks and their stories with us.

We appreciate you and wish you the best on your quilting journey!

Thank you!

Don't forget- to make the quilt, you need to purchase the pattern!

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Purchase Paper Pattern

Happy Quilting!

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