

## Block of the Month: March 2018

### \*MOD Pineapple\*



Pineapple block patterns have been around the quilting world for a long time. That doesn't even take into account the paper-pieced "pineapple" variation of the Log Cabin. For 200 years, the pineapple has been a sign of hospitality and a nice, welcoming sentiment for our new members.

This month, we've taken the block and made it **BIG** and **MODERN**. Who says that pineapples have to be yellow? Think bright, tropical colors. Here, we've started with five scrap strips that are analogous colors (next to each other on the color wheel) but don't let that stop you from experimenting with colors for both the leaves and the pineapple strips. The strips have been given texture with lined prairie points. Last (and optional), we raided the bulging button/bead box for more textural interest to be added later.

#### **Outer Borders - Materials Needed:**

White background: (2) 16.5"x1.5" strips, (2) 10.5"x2.5" strips

#### **Pineapple & Lined Prairie Points - Materials Needed:**

Light to dark prints: (5) 8.5"x2.5" strips, (3-8 your choice) 4"x2.5" strips

Prairie point lining prints: (3-8, your choice) 4"x2.5" strips

White background: (4) 2.5"x2.5" squares

#### **Leaves - Materials Needed:** (Note - Light colors within the green prints really adds sparkle)

Light green print (2) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Medium green print (3) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

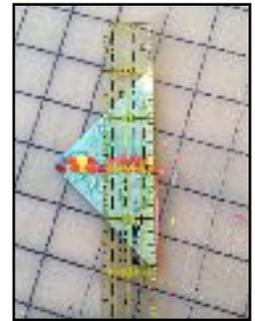
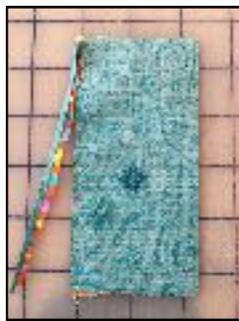
Medium-dark green print (2) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

White background: (2 upper corners) 2.5"x2.5" squares, (3) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

**Optional** Buttons or Beads - Your choice about 1/2" diameter or smaller

#### **Instructions - Pineapple & Prairie Points**

1. Arrange 8.5" strips with the lightest at the top and the darkest at the bottom.
2. See image below left. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2.5" white square. Place white squares on either end of the lightest and darkest strip as shown. Sew a hair/thread to the outside of the diagonal line. Cut off the seam allowance to .25" and press to the dark side.



3. **To make prairie points:** Place 4" strip of pineapple fabric and strip of lining fabric with right sides together. Sew on one long side. Cut seam allowance to 1/8". Press to the lining fabric. Next, fold lining fabric back over seam allowance so that just 1/8" of lining fabric is visible. Press to crease. Trim long raw edge so that strip is 2" wide x 4" long.
4. **To fold prairie points:** With lining facing up, fold each corner down to meet the raw edge and so that the thin line of lining meets in the middle. Pin to hold in place and press. Trim raw edge if necessary. **Repeat for remaining strips** to make from 3 to 8 prairie points.

5. **Arrange prairie points**, pointed side up, on pineapple strips taking care that the ends don't come into the .25" seam allowance on either side. Prairie points placed on the top or bottom strips should be centered on the strip. Pin each side of the prairie point to pineapple strip. Stitch to secure about an 1/8" from the raw edge.
6. **To assemble Pineapple:** Sew pineapple strips together on long side; press seam allowances toward the bottom. This unit will measure 8.5" wide x 10.5" long.



#### Instructions - Leaves

7. Make sets of the following half square triangles. Place right sides together of 2 7/8" squares: (1 ea) white/light green, (1 ea) white/medium green, (1 ea) white/medium-dark green, (1 ea) light green/medium green, (1 ea) medium green/medium-dark green.
8. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the lighter piece in each set, and sew 1/4" on each side of the line. Check to make sure of your 1/4" seam allowance. Cut on the drawn line to produce two half square triangles.  
**Repeat with the remaining 2 7/8" squares.** Press to the dark.
9. Arrange leaf squares as shown in photo.
10. Sew squares together. Press seams open. Sew rows together and press open. This unit will measure 8.5" wide by 6.5" long

#### Assemble:

11. Sew the leaf unit to the pineapple unit. Press seam open.
12. Sew 16.5"x1.5" background strip to each side. Press to the light.
13. Sew 8.5"x2.5" background strip to top and bottom. Press to the light.
14. Your block will measure 10.5" wide x 20.5" long.

#### Optional Buttons/Beads:

String your buttons and beads on thread or place in a small zip lock bag and safety pin to the block.

### Lined Prairie Points — Don't you love them!!

**Become web famous!** Make a pineapple block and see it on the MPQG website in the membership column each month. A different pineapple block will be featured each month.

To participate in the BOM, make the block described, bring it to the March meeting, post your block on the design wall, write down your name on the count sheet, and if you want to win all blocks of that month, place your name in the basket to win.

Contact [kbkreativ@gmail.com](mailto:kbkreativ@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on March 5, 2018. More info on the BOM on our [website](http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/) at [www.mpqg.org/activities/block\\_of\\_the\\_month/](http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/)