

Block of the Month: May 2018 *MOD Pineapple, Plaid Version*



This month, we've taken the block from March and and given it a new twist ... a stash busting, *you-make-it plaid*. Think bright, tropical colors. Or, crazy fabric scraps such as sharks, chili peppers, or hot rods. They all work well when skinny cut.

Here, we've started with strips and woven them over a base fabric to make a plaid. Oh wait! We see a modern pineapple sampler quilt when you add this block to the one from March.

Two Looks: Left - Both blocks have a yellow pineapple base. On the left, there are fewer blue strips which are narrower than those on the right. On the right, there are more, slightly wider strips so there is much less pineapple base visible.

Background - Materials Needed:

White, or white-on-white

Outer border (2) 16.5"x1.5" strips, (2) 10.5"x2.5" strips

Pineapple background (4) 2.5" squares

Leaves background (2) 2.5" squares, (3) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Pineapple - Materials Needed:

Pineapple base - 9"x11" any solid color, or reads-as-solid

8 to 12 scrap strips of any color print fabrics, repeats ok, 7"-11" long x 1"-2.5" wide (avoid white or same color as pineapple base)

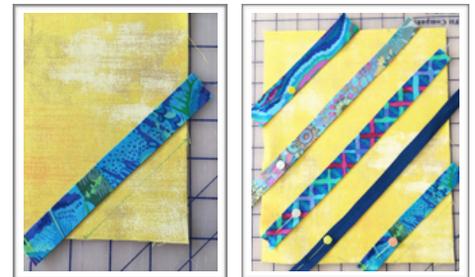
Spray starch

Leaves - Materials Needed: Note - Light colors and other colors within the print really adds sparkle (avoid solids)

Any color print fabric (3) 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, (4) 2.5" squares

Instructions - Pineapple

1. Mark each corner of pineapple base with a diagonal line to indicate where white 2.5" squares will be sewn.
2. On the long sides of each print strip, press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Spray starch lightly on wrong side of 2 strips at a time; and repress seam allowance. Repeat process until all strips are starched. (Don't skip this step because spray starch will make the strips behave much better as you weave them.)
3. Place first strip a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside the diagonal line drawn at the corners of the pineapple base. See diagram to right.
4. Lay out remaining half of the strips on the Pineapple base and pin in place at one end.
5. Begin weaving the remaining strips in the other direction. If desired, weave over or under 2 strips instead of one.
6. Adjust strips to space evenly; secure each end with a pin. Be sure that remaining corner strips are a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from drawn line.

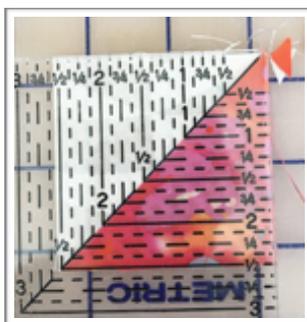
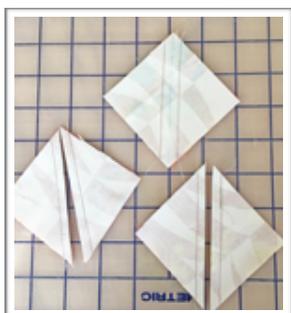


7. Secure strips in place by top stitching along edges using a walking foot. Trim pineapple base and strip tails so that pineapple base measures 8.5"x10.5".
8. See image on right. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2.5" white square. Place white squares on each corner of the base, as shown. Sew a hair/thread to the outside of the diagonal line. Cut off the seam allowance to 1/4" and press to the light side. This unit will measure 8.5"x10.5".



Instructions - Leaves (Note: This is a simpler version of the leaves in March MOD Pineapple block.)

9. Place right sides together of 2 7/8" squares: (1 ea) white/colored fabric.
10. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the white piece in each set, pin 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. Trim as needed. Arrange leaf squares as shown below.
11. Remember, pins are your friends. Sew squares together. Press seams in each row in alternate directions. Nest seams, pin, and sew rows together; press seams open. Unit will measure 8.5" wide by 6.5" long



Assemble:

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

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

To participate in the BOM, make the block described, bring it to the May 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 [k bkreativ@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 May 7, 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/