



## 2020 First Saturday Sampler Block of the Month

# Grateful

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**Month Five - Component Blocks King/Queen size**

\*\*\*KING OR QUEEN SIZE\*\*\*

IT'S TIME TO PUT TOGETHER SOME OF THE COMPONENTS WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON SO FAR THIS YEAR.

In the following pages you will be putting together large sections of the quilt, with the zig-zag blocks, pinwheel blocks, half square triangles from prior months and the 4-patches you just made. I will show you a "row" of the quilt and the individual 16" blocks that go in that row. There are several options for layouts, so be sure to look thru all of them.

This is one of the times where the "Choose-your-own-adventure" part comes into play. The "row" of blocks is shown as the bottom of the quilt. The top will be the same, just flipped.

Some 16" finished component blocks will need 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" background squares to fill in - you will need to calculate the number of background squares you need to complete the layout you have chosen.

For Example:



This 16-1/2" x 16-1/2" Block contains:

- (2) Four patch blocks
- (2) Pinwheel blocks
- (2) Zig-zag blocks (note: be careful of placement, directional)
- (8) Half square triangles
- (2) plain 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" background squares.

Please feel free to be creative in these area's - It's your quilt!

AT THIS TIME, PLEASE DO NOT SEW 16" BLOCKS TOGETHER.

**King / Queen size, Option 1:**

**Dark zig-zag, without applique.**

**This shows three component blocks with two large corner stars.**



These two blocks are mirror image. You'll need to watch the direction of the zig-zag blocks, remember you have two sets!

← Make FOUR of each, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"



← Center blocks, make FOUR, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"

**Directions for pieced corner star, (instead of doing applique)**

Cut

Background

(48) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" squares, or (48) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares

(32) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

Assorted colors

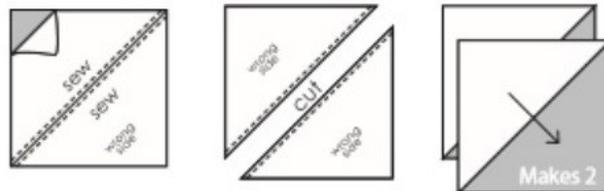
(48) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" squares, or (48) 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares

Draw a diagonal line on each of the light squares.

Match up with an assorted color square, sew a scant 1/4" away from the drawn line on both sides of the line.

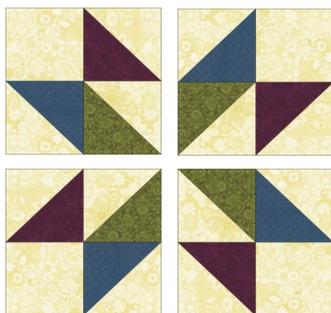
Cut apart on the drawn line and press to the darker fabric.

Square up all HST's to 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".



Sew three HST's and one 2-1/2" background square

In the layout below. Repeat three times to complete the Block. Each of the segments should measure 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".

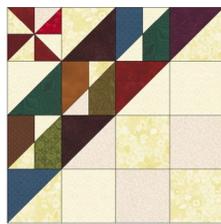
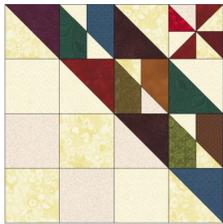


Make 8 total  
Pieced corner star should measure  
8-1/2" x 8-1/2"

**King / Queen size, Option 2:**

**Dark zig-zag, with open space for applique.**

**This shows three component blocks with two large corner stars.**



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← Make FOUR of each, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"

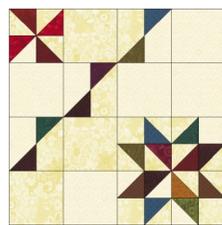
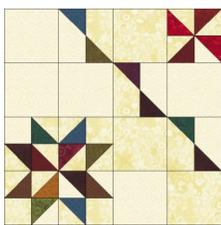


← Center blocks, make FOUR, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"

**King / Queen size, Option 3:**

**Light zig-zag, without applique.**

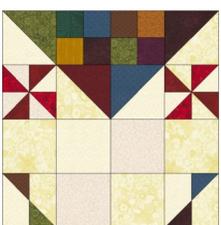
**This shows three component blocks with two large corner stars.**



These two blocks are mirror image. You'll need to watch the direction of the zig-zag blocks, remember you have two sets!

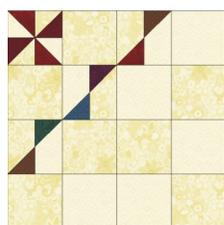
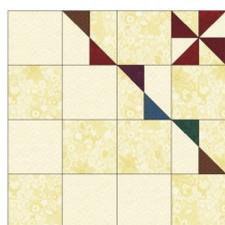
**\*See directions on page two for pieced star**

← Make FOUR of each, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"



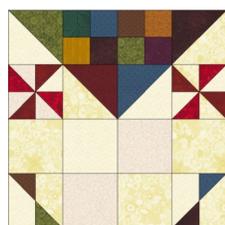
← Center blocks, make FOUR, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"

**King / Queen size, Option 4:**  
**Light zig-zag, with open space for applique.**  
**This shows three component blocks with two large corner stars.**



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← Make FOUR of each, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"



← Center blocks, make FOUR, 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"

All blocks should be 16-1/2" x 16-1/2". At this time, please do not sew the blocks together, we'll get to that step as we put more of the quilt top together, I promise!

When I was building this quilt in my head, I thought for a long time, trying to come up with a name for this quilt. The word "Grateful" would NOT leave my head. And now..... It seems like it had to be. I had no idea how important it would become to be grateful. We are living in uncertain times, but one of the many things I am grateful for is all of you. How you've become friends, how you've shown support to me and our little Fiddlesticks Family. How many of you are eager to work on this quilt.

I'm also grateful for so many little things. About (for now) how I don't need to set an alarm to get up in the morning. Or that my wardrobe choices are "daytime pajamas" or "nighttime pajamas". Or that when little miss Sophie comes up for kitty snuggles, I have the time to stop and let her snuggle to her hearts content. For online happy hours with really good friends who I miss dearly. To watch the yard come to life in the spring, the colors, the perennials that come back year after year, (despite my very NOT green thumb) For dropping a quick note in the mail to let someone know I'm thinking of them. (remember how special it is to get a card or letter for no reason other than someone thinks your special?) For social distancing visits with my family in the driveway. I for one, am grateful for the slower pace life, the time to talk to people, even if it's not in person.

I'd also like to say Happy Mother's Day to all, even if you're not a Mom, you had one!

Be brave, be strong, be grateful~

