



2020 First Saturday Sampler Block of the Month

Grateful

A quilt by
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Month Seven - Split Star blocks

Important information:

Each month a section of the pattern will be presented. Some months you will make pieces that will be set aside for future use. Sew seams with right sides together, using a scant 1-4" seam allowance. "HST" stands for Half Square Triangle.

This month everyone will be making 12 Split star blocks. These blocks will be inside the diagonal section around the center star.

We will be demonstrating and using Bloc Loc rulers for trimming and squaring up your blocks. Each set of cutting directions will include cut sizes for using Bloc Loc rulers AND traditional piecing.

Cutting directions for Bloc Loc rulers will be in RED.

Cutting directions for traditional piecing will be in BLUE.

Cutting instructions for **Throw / Queen / King:**

You should have (12) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" Half Square Triangles left over from prior months.

For the remainder of the block, you will need to cut:

Backgrounds:

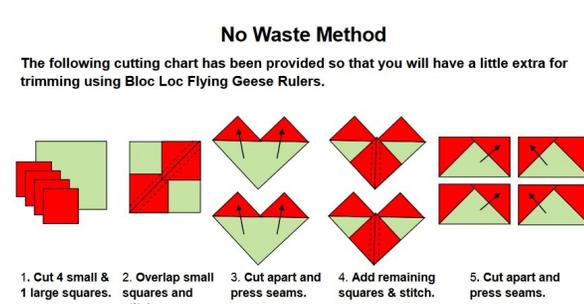
- Cut: (12) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares
- (12) 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" squares or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares for Half Square Triangles
- (6) 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" squares or 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" squares for Flying Geese
- (24) 3-1/8" x 3-1/8" squares or 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares for Flying Geese

Assorted colors

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For the flying geese blocks, you will be making 6 sets (One dark 5-1/2" square and four light 3-1/8" squares for each) which will create 24 Flying Geese with a dark goose and light sky and 6 sets (One light 5-1/2" square and four dark 3-1/8" squares for each) which will create 24 Flying Geese with a light goose and dark sky. We will be using the Fast flying geese method. Please refer to the chart below:

For example: for the blocks with the light goose and the dark sky, you will pair one light large square with 4 small dark squares.



For the flying geese, you will be making them using the “Fast Flying Geese” method on the first page.

Follow the directions on page one to make 48 Flying geese blocks. 24 will be light goose/dark sky and 24 will be dark goose and light sky.

Trim each to 2-1/2” x 4-1/2”.

For the Half Square Triangles, you’ll need an assortment of (12) light and (12) dark 3-1/4” x 3-1/4” squares. Follow the diagram below and square each block up to 2-1/2” x 2-1/2” for a total of 24 Half Square Triangle blocks.



For each block, assemble:

- (1) 2-1/2” x 2-1/2” solid light block
- (1) 2-1/2” x 2-1/2” solid dark block
- (1) 4-1/2” x 4-1/2” Half Square Triangle (center, set aside from prior month)
- (2) 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” Flying goose block (dark goose/light sky)
- (2) 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” Flying goose block (light goose/dark sky)



Layout of pieces for each block:

Make 12 Split Star Blocks. Each block should be 8-1/2” x 8-1/2”. Set aside for future use.



Grateful. Gratitude. Sharing. Love.....

Gratitude, I’ve found, is a state of mind and heart and soul, for me at least. It’s something that during the time the shop was closed, I really struggled to find. What I learned is that all of you share a roll in lifting me up. Lifting the shop up. When the shop was closed this spring due to covid I really struggled. Being alone in the shop without the energy provided by all of you and the projects you are working on, and dealing with the unknown and unexpected closure really took a toll on me. And if I missed answering an email or a phone call, I really apologize. There was a lot going on.

What I have learned is that all of you play a roll in lifting me up. And what a glorious thing that is. Looking at the projects you are planning, hearing about the loved ones you are quilting for, it’s really inspiring. Just think what each of us are able to do when we strive to lift each other up and support each other in finding our calling, finding what makes our souls sing. And the joy we get from sharing our passions with others. Share your passions, share your love of quilting with others. Spread joy and love, one little patchwork square at a time.

