



# 2020 First Saturday Sampler Block of the Month

# Grateful

A quilt by  
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Month Eight - Applique

### 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 we'll be working on the applique - And, if you are not doing the applique, you don't have a new assignment for this month. (You'll have time to work on getting caught up on the prior months, if you need to).

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

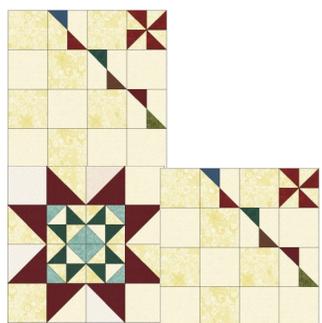


If you made the darker zig-zag blocks, your applique blocks will look like these.

You'll need to make 8 blocks as shown to the left. Each block will have:

- (1) 4-1/2" Pinwheel block x 8 blocks is a total of 8
- (3) 4-1/2" zig-zag blocks x 8 blocks is a total of 24
- (6) 4-1/2" HST blocks x 8 blocks is a total of 48

You will need to cut (6) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" background squares, x 8 blocks = 48



If you made the lighter zig-zag blocks, your applique blocks will look like these.

You'll need to make 8 blocks as shown to the left. Each block will have:

- (1) 4-1/2" Pinwheel block x 8 blocks is a total of 8
- (3) 4-1/2" zig-zag blocks x 8 blocks is a total of 24

You will need to cut (10) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" background squares x 8 blocks = 80

### Cutting instructions for **Throw:**



If you are making the Throw size, your FOUR corner blocks will look like these.

You'll need to make 4 blocks as shown to the left. Each block will have:

- (1) 4-1/2" four patch block x 4 blocks is a total of 4
- (2) 4-1-2" HST blocks x 4 blocks is a total of 8
- (3) 4-1/2" Pinwheel blocks x 4 blocks is a total of 12

You will need to cut (10) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" background squares x 4 blocks = 40

Each of the blocks you are making to complete your applique on should be 16-1/2" x 16-1/2" when they are sewn together.

*It is SUPER helpful when laying out the applique (especially the bias stem) to have a work surface you can pin into, like a design wall. If you don't have one, don't worry. A cheap and easy alternative is to use a piece of "Foam Core" which is a 1/4" piece of foam sandwiched in between two pieces of poster board. They are usually approximately poster sized and available at the Dollar Store, Fred Meyers in the office supply / art section or at one of the large office stores. Usually less than \$5. If you'd like to cover yours with batting or flannel, they make a great lightweight portable design board.*

To make the stems, I used a #9 Clover bias tape maker, which is 1/4". There are a lot of ways to make bias tape, so use your favorite method.

The instructions with the clover bias tape maker say to cut your fabric strips at 5/8". I found that was not quite wide enough (fabric slid around inside, folded edges were not consistent) so I increased the width of strips to 3/4" and was much happier with the result.

I cut bias strips from a fat quarter, which gave me about 26-27" of length per strip, which worked very well for the larger piece. Each strip was lightly misted with best press before inserting into the bias maker, which kept the folded under portion in place nicely. You'll need 8 strips ~26" long and 8 shorter strips ~9" long.

Pin the stem in place, following the diagram. Once your happy, lightly tack in place with a water soluble glue like roxann's or a nice fabric glue stick.

Working about 2" at a time, slightly lift the stem, and lightly brush glue across the back of the stem. Use your fingers to manipulate into a nice pleasing curve. You can see in the pictures below, the pinned stem is lumpy and the curves are not smooth by any means. It will take a little smoothing and manipulating with your fingertips. Once you have the entire stem in place, press with a hot iron just for a few seconds, to make sure it is all nice and flat.



Pinned in place

Take a picture at this point for reference



Stem glued and others fused in place - no stitching yet.

Peel all the paper off of your applique pieces and arrange as you would like. This is your time to play and be creative. **IMPORTANT: Keep all of the applique pieces at least 1/4" away from the edge of the block.**



Remember to also do the applique on the strip set units around the center star. I did not do layouts for the more contemporary blocks, because there are a lot of flowers and leaves for you to arrange as you would like. Remember - - - All these applique patterns are yours to use however you would like, so enjoy!

Refer to the applique handout to learn more in-depth information about applique methods and finishing,



Be *Grateful* for the little things, because sometimes they are the big things!

