



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

Mailing address: PO Box 617, Tewksbury, MA 01876

MEETING MAY 10, 2022

@ Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876

Doors open at 6:30 PM NO MASKS REQUIRED

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NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP

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Cheryle Laffey

HISTORIAN

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MUSEUM LIASON

SUNSHINE

Cheryle Laffey

CHARITY COORDINATOR

Louise Kelley

WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Spring – Mary Renn
603-260-6590

PROGRAMS

Do you need a ride to the meeting? Please call, text or email a board member and we will see if we can arrange one for you. If at all possible, please do not wait until 6:15 on meeting night.

FOOD PANTRY – small bottles or pkgs of condiments. Anything to put on or mix with something.

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Hello fellow quilters,

There are so many ways to be a quilter. I can spend hours locked in my sewing room, all by myself. I have taken a few classes, been on retreats and had just one or two friends join me at home. I go to the Senior Center when I can. Can't decide which is my favorite and glad for all of them. I have made lots of friends and been inspired by all these experiences. Over the next few months, think about the people you know who might benefit from joining our group, sharing stories, inspirations, and general mayhem we can produce. Help them feel welcome and invite them to join in September. I will try to reach out and make everyone feel welcomed. Especially our new leadership. Let's make this easy for everyone.

love you all,

Elaine

IMPORTANT, ELECTION NIGHT

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were made and accepted. Nominations are: President, Sandy Cook; Vice President, Cathy Harvey; Secretary, Mary Arcidy and Treasurer, Cam Michallyszyn. With no other nominees, we will vote the slate as presented.

UPDATE APRIL MEETING

Nicole, from Bits and Pieces quilt shop, gave a great presentation and demo on the 180 Rulers and how versatile they are. It is amazing how far we have

come from templates, lol.

Raffle winners were Charlene Mara, Pat LeBourdais, Della Walsh, Claudia Russo, Kristin Noonan, Carol Kobelski and Carol Saber. Thank you to Carol Saber and Kathy Starling for making such awesome prizes.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

17th, Mary Pepin; 21st, Marie Dube; 25th, Beeg Harding; 27th, Dot LeBourdais; and 29th, Della Walsh. A very Happy Birthday to all!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May is election month and we will be filling the draw string bags for the food pantry. Our June 14th meeting will be a celebration of sorts. Celebrate getting through another year of mixed meetings, an abundance of charity work being done, the welcoming of our new officers and a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing officers. **We will also have a catered meal!!** A **head count** is very important, and we need to know by June 7th. Drinks will not be provided but you may bring your own. Please email me if you plan on attending.

IT'S DUES TIME! If you are 85 or older, we are blessed to have you and you don't pay.

Please send your check for **\$30.00** made out to Tewksbury Piecemakers.

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I do not need an updated form. Email or call me with any changes. I.e.: name, address, phone or email.

IMPORTANT if you are **not renewing** PLEASE let me know.

Minutes from APRIL 19th, 2022 Board Meeting

Attendees (7) Mary Arcidy, Sandy Cook, Cathy Harvey, Cheryle Laffey, Cam Michallyszyn, Deb Rauseo and Elaine Walsh

The bags for the Tewksbury Food Pantry will be filled at the May 10th meeting. There are 150 bags made by the Thursday group, and these will be filled with items for children.

The May 10th meeting will also have voting for next year's President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. After the voting each new officer will introduce themselves to the Guild.

The menu for the June 14 meeting was decided. Other items as needed were planned, including desserts and drinks.

The Board has decided to cancel the current subscription to Blue Jeans when it runs out. The Guild can renew the subscription if the need arises.

Respectfully,
Mary Arcidy

NEW BLOCKS of THE MONTH CHALLENGE!

Karen Ivas has new projects for us. See the following patterns.

I will be sending instructions each month for two 10-inch blocks for a total of 16 blocks!

The sampler blocks can be made scrappy!

Additional fabric requirements: 1-5/8 yards for sashing, and binding (1 yard for sashing and binding 5/8 yard for cornerstones).

Sashing, binding and cornerstones can be decided on after the blocks are completed.

In this newsletter you will find the instructions for the next two blocks. Enjoy a new project!

For those of you making monthly sampler blocks, here are two more!

Good Morning!

Hello Everyone! Happy Spring! Hope you are continuing this Block of the Month... Two more blocks attached!

A couple of months more and I will send the instructions for the quilt top.

Enjoy the wonders of spring!

Happy Quilting!
Karen Ivas

Nine Patch Star

10" x 10" Finished

by Gerri Robinson

plantedseeddesigns.com @plantedseeddesigns

Materials

Fabrics listed are Confetti Cottons by Riley Blake

Oxford Blue 4" x WOF

Le Creme Fat Eighth

Tools

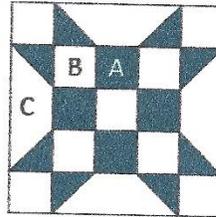
Marking pencil, scissors, ruler, rotary cutter and mat, iron and ironing board.

Cutting Instructions

Oxford Blue: A- twelve 2½" squares

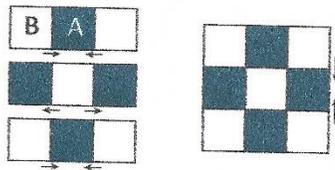
Le Creme: B- nine 2½" squares

C- four 2½" x 6½" rectangles



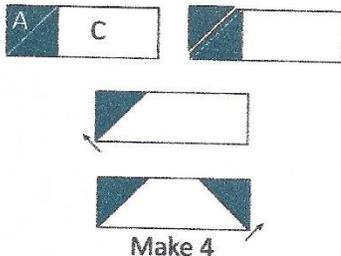
Sewing Instructions

1. Lay out 4 A squares and 5 B squares in a nine patch. Sew the squares into rows. Sew the rows together to make 1 Nine Patch unit (6½" x 6½"). Press seams as shown.

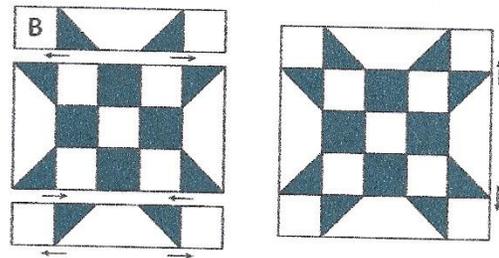


2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each remaining 8 A squares.

3. Place an A square on the left end of a C rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the drawn line. Trim ¼" from sewn line and press open. Repeat on the right end of the rectangle to make a Star Point unit (2½" x 6½"). Repeat to make 4 Star Point units.



4. Lay out the remaining 4 B squares, 4 Star Point units and the Nine Patch unit in a nine patch. Sew the pieces into rows. Sew the rows together to complete the Nine Patch Star Block (10½" x 10½"). Press seams as shown.



Riley Blake
DESIGNS

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Checkerboard Star

10" x 10" Finished

by Lori Holt

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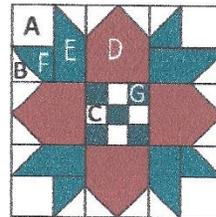
Marsala 5" x 21"
 Oceanside 3" x WOF
 Stargazer 3" x 10"
 Le Creme 6" x WOF

Tools

Marking pencil, scissors, ruler, rotary cutter and mat, iron and ironing board.

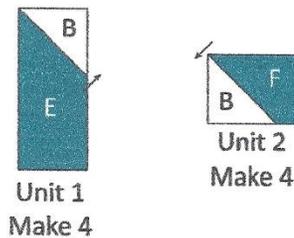
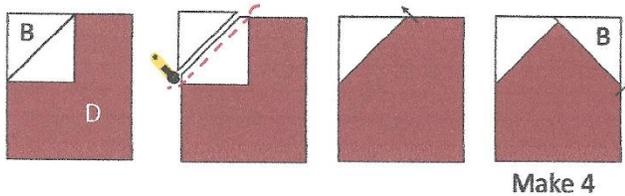
Cutting Instructions

- Marsala:** D- four 3½" x 4" rectangles
Oceanside: E- four 2" x 4" rectangles
 F- four 2" x 2½" rectangles
Stargazer: G- five 1½" squares
Le Creme: A- four 2½" squares
 B- sixteen 2" squares
 C- four 1½" squares

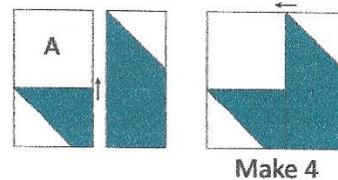


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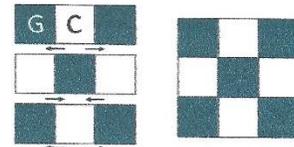
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the B squares.
2. Place 1 B square on the top left corner of 1 D rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the drawn line. Trim the seam allowance above the stitching to ¼". Flip the B square away from the D rectangle and press. Repeat to add a B square to the upper right corner to complete 1 Star Point Unit. Repeat to make 4 Star Point Units.
3. Repeat the process in Step 2 to sew a B square to the top right corner of an E rectangle to make 1 Unit 1 (2" x 4"). Repeat to make 4 Unit 1.
4. Repeat the process in Step 2 to sew a B square to the bottom left corner of an F rectangle. Repeat to make 4 Unit 2 (2" x 2½").



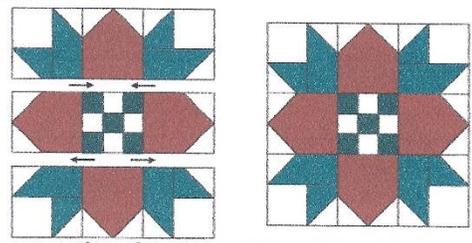
5. Sew an A square to one Unit 2, then sew to a Unit 1 to creating 1 Corner Unit (4" x 4"). Repeat to make 4 Corner Units.

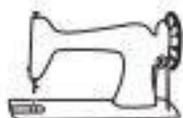


6. Lay out the C and G squares in a nine patch. Sew the pieces into rows. Sew the rows together to make 1 9-Patch Unit (3½" x 3½").



7. Lay out the Corner, Star Point and 9-Patch Units in a nine patch. Sew the pieces into rows. Sew the rows together to complete the Checkerboard Star Block (10½" x 10½"). Press seams as shown.





Best Place to Hide Fabric

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