



# Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter



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**MEETING MAY 13, 2025**

**@ Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury,  
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**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

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## **MAY is TEA PARTY TIME**

We are having a tea party! You must bring your own cup, fancy or a mug, doesn't matter. Whatever you like to drink out of. Dress up if you want. Hat, gloves, dress. There will also be a make and take! Bring a needle and white thread. Don't forget your thimble and your glasses.

Everything else will be provided. Make it as fun as you like.

## **April was presented by Mary Renn, Ann LeBourdais and Pat LeBourdais**

What a fun night playing games. The winners of Left, Right Center won 2 ½ inch strips x wof, along with an adorable pattern and we expect them to complete their quilt tops and show them at the May meeting.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY**

**8<sup>th</sup>, Christina Zook; 17<sup>th</sup>, Mary Pepin; 21<sup>st</sup>, Marie Dube; 25<sup>th</sup>, Beege Harding; 29<sup>th</sup>, Della Walsh.  
A very Happy Birthday to ALL!**

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Anything you would like to donate would be appreciated.

## **UPCOMING PLAN for JUNE to be run by Pam Marlow and Sue Pedersen**

The June meeting will be an auction. We are asking for kits/projects which are new, partially started, nearly completed, or completed. Cotton fabric - fat quarters or larger, gadgets, rulers and quilt related patterns. Please no books or magazines.

Please bring donations to the May Quilt meetings for collection.

DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED SO PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP OUT. Last day for donations is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Quilts for the NICU at Lawrence General .**

We're still collecting 30"x36" baby quilts . Please bring them to the April meeting and I will deliver them to the hospital.

Thanks, Deb Rauseo

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

I know this may be hard to read so if you need or want a hard copy please let me know before the meeting.

# a Quilting Life

Block of the Month 2024

by

Sherri McConnell

October



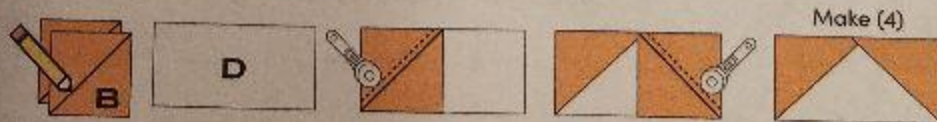
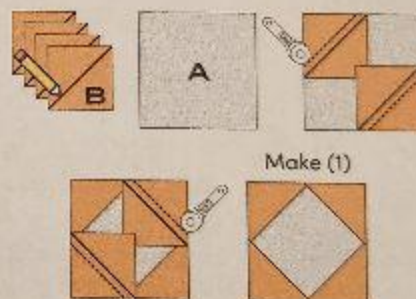
## Cutting Instructions

	8" Block (8 1/2" unfinished)	16" Block (16 1/2" unfinished)
Light (A)	(1) 2 1/2" square	(1) 4 1/2" square
Medium (B)	(12) 1 1/2" squares	(12) 2 1/2" squares
Medium (C)	(2) 2" squares	(2) 3" squares
Light (D)	(4) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles	(4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
Light (E)	(2) 2" squares	(2) 3" squares

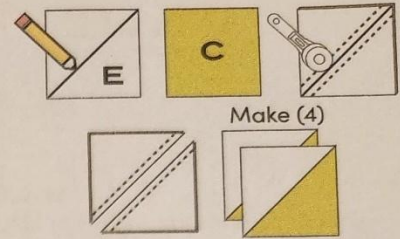
*Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement.  
Units are labeled A-E.*

## Piecing Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (12) B – squares using an erasable marker or pencil. Set (8) B – squares aside for Step 6.
2. Place (1) B – square onto (2) opposite corners of the A – square, right sides together and edges aligned. Reference the diagram for the orientation of the drawn diagonal lines.
3. Sew along the drawn diagonal lines on each square. Then, trim excess corner fabric to a 1/4". Press toward the corners.
4. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach the (2) remaining B – squares to the (2) remaining corners of the A – square to make (1) square-in-a-square unit.
5. Use the following guide for square-in-a-square unit sizes for 8" and 16" blocks:
  - a. 8" Block: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
  - b. 16" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.
6. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach (1) B – square to both top corners of (4) D – rectangles to make (4) flying geese units. Reference the diagram for the placement of B – squares.
7. Use the following guide for flying geese unit sizes for 8" and 16" blocks:
  - a. 8" Block: 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" unfinished.
  - b. 16" Block: 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.



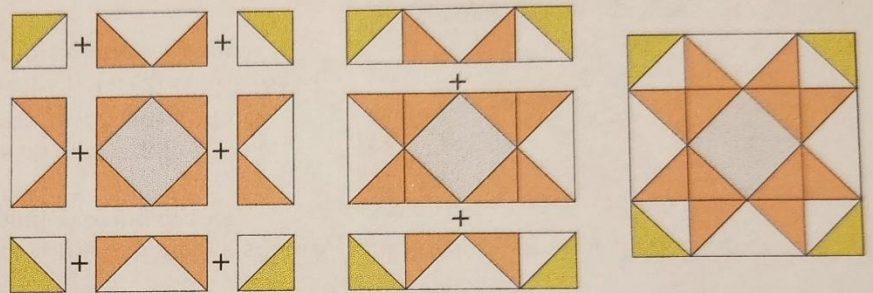
8. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (2) E – squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
9. Place (2) E – squares with (2) C – squares, right sides together.
10. Sew a ¼" away from both sides of the drawn diagonal lines.
11. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines, making (4) HST units.
12. Trim HST units using the following guide for 8" and 16" blocks:
  - a. 8" Block: 1 ½" x 1 ½" unfinished.
  - b. 16" Block: 2 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished.



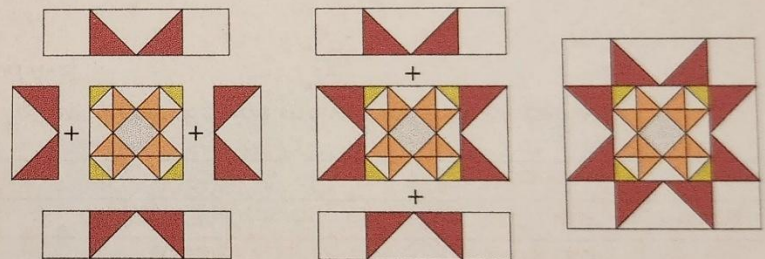
13. Arrange the square-in-a-square unit, (4) flying geese units and (4) HST units to form the October block center. Ensure HST units are rotated correctly. Sew together, pressing seams away from the flying geese units.

14. Use the following guide for October block center sizes:

- a. 8" Block: 4 ½" x 4 ½" unfinished.
- b. 16" Block: 8 ½" x 8 ½" unfinished.



15. Arrange the prepared Star Border pieces around the October block center and assemble as shown. Reference the Cutting Chart for unfinished block sizes.



## Pattern of the Month...

The best types of quilt patterns feature designs that can be transformed depending on what type of fabric you select! The **Berry Baskets Pattern** would create the perfect Halloween themed quilt with the right selection of fabrics! Imagine these Berry Basket Blocks transformed into spooky Trick-or-Treat Bags or sweet Halloween Candy Dishes! Tackle this fun project today!

