

Hello Spring, BOM Outline

Supplies:

Along with your regular quilting supplies I found that having a 4 ½" square was very useful. You will need fusible web for the appliques (2 yards), tear away stabilizer. Aurifil Thread in White or a very light grey. Best Press. For a full list of quilting supplies please refer to the quilting 101 supply list.

Prior to class Prep your fabrics by starching and pressing them

Kit fabrics are folded length wise; you will need to press and refold them for ease of cutting.

Fabrics will be cut Monthly as opposed to cutting all at the beginning

Homework per Month will be to finish any blocks that have been started and cutting the following Month's blocks fabric.

If you are not comfortable with cutting, I will demonstrate how I use my rulers for precision cutting. If you are comfortable go ahead and cut pieces for blocks 1 and 2.

Month 1 Spring Star Block and Chain Star Block

- Read over Pattern
 - Each page is labeled block 1 page 1 or 1-1
- Follow cutting diagram on page 1-2 for Block 1
- block 2-1 for block 2 (use left over fabrics from previous blocks as needed)
- Draw horizontal line down the center of the 7 ½" square and 4 ½" square
- Some fabrics are semi directional, if this is important to you, pay attention when you are sewing; example the birds on my block 1

Machine settings:

We'll be using your standard sewing foot, ¼" foot, open toe foot for decorative stitching

Needle positions: center, ¼" as needed

Pattern restart key

Pivot key

Memory or saved stitch menu

Luminaire owners- projector and using your pen

Check your ¼" seam allowance

- Cut 3- 1 ½"x 3" strips
- Sew along the 3" side joining all three

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- Measure the center strip, if it's not 1" adjust your needle position and make a note to machine setting.

Block 1: Spring Star Block

Flying Geese Units

- Draw horizontal line down the center of the 7 ½" square and 4 ½" square (you should have already done this)
- Follow instructions on 1-3
- Stitch just inside the drawn line
- Trim any excess fabric, measure block to make sure it's perfect

Half square Triangle Units

- Draw Line down the center of your printed squares
- Follow instructions on 1-3
- Trim using a 4 ½" square ruler

Units

- Sew the units together to create blocks and rows
- Pay attention to how the blocks are placed
- Sew the Center Star Block together
- Add the side Large Flying Geese unit to the center star block only, do not sew the top and bottom yet

Applique

- Trace templates to the fusible web
- Fuse web to wrong side of fabrics
- Cut out the templates
- Fuse the appliques to the block
- Test out your applique stitches
 - Using a test piece play with the blanket stitch, adjust width and Length as needed and save to your favorite file
 - Understanding the Pattern repeat key
 - Pivot function and needle down position

Stitch down your applique

Complete the block by adding the top and bottom row, side borders and top and bottom borders.

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Block 2: Chain Star Block

Minimizing working with small pieces!

- Sewing strips together and then sub cutting!
- Use smaller 4 ½" x 8 ½" ruler to subcut smaller units and learn how to line up for perfect cuts.

Flying Geese units

- Make the small unit
- Make the larger unit
- Sew them together, understanding how angles line up for perfect points

Sew units into the Block

Homework!

Finish Blocks 1 and 2

Cut fabrics for Block 3 (3-2), trace applique pieces (flower and center)

Cut Fabrics for Block 4 (4-2), trace applique pieces (wing and beak)