## Welcome to our 2018 Block of the Month Rainbow Sorbet Our version finishes at $\mathbf{8 4 \prime} \times 100$ "

This block of the month is made up of 20 blocks. Finishing instructions will follow to make your quilt just like our sample. Each block kit includes the fabric you need to complete one $121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ block. You are able to assemble the rows of the quilt after sets of four blocks are completed.

We will have a block kit ready for you each month. Please pick up within the calendar month.

We will not hold unpaid block kits. If you know you're going to miss one, you can pay ahead and we will hold it for you.

When you pick up on time and show us your block, the next kit will be $\$ 6.00$.
Blocks that haven't been picked up within the calendar month will be available for sale on the first day of the following month for $\$ 8.00$.

We are offering the option of having the blocks mailed to you in sets of four blocks. The cost of doing this is $\$ 10$ for registration and $\$ 40$ for each set of four blocks.

## BONUS

Once again, Laura Coia will be making videos demonstrating the construction of the blocks. You will find them on her YouTube channel:

The following instructions will help you complete certain sections of the blocks in this Block of the Month. Keep them handy throughout the program for reference.

Making HST blocks:


Our instructions refer to the Eleanor Burns Triangle Square-Up Ruler for making fast and accurate half-square triangle (HST) blocks. There are lots of them in this quilt!

Start with two squares that are an inch larger than you want your finished unit to be. Place them right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across the lightest square from corner to corner. Sew $1 / 4$ " away from the line on both sides of the line.


Cut apart on the drawn line. Using your Eleanor Burns square up ruler, place the ruler's diagonal line on the stitched line for the desired block size. Trim off the excess with your rotary cutter. Open, press carefully to the darker fabric, and trim off the little corners that stick out.


## Making flying geese units:

Start with a rectangle the size you want the unit to be (ie. $2 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime} \times 4 \frac{112 "}{}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ is a common size in this block of the month). Now draw a diagonal line on two contrasting squares ( $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ in this example). Place one of these squares on one side of the rectangle, right sides together, and stitch on the line.


Cut $1 / 4$ " away from the stitched line and press out towards the resulting triangle.


Now place the other square on the opposite side of the rectangle, right sides together; stitch, trim and press, as before. This unit should still measure $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 4$ $1 / 2$.


## Making square-in-a-square units:

Draw a diagonal line across the wrong sides of the $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares. Place on opposite corners of a $41 / 2$ " square; stich on the line. Trim $1 / 4$ " away from the stitched line and press out towards the triangle.


Repeat this process for the opposite corners. (The squares will overlap the resulting triangles from the step above.)


Press well. The unit should still measure $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.

## Finishing Instructions:

Turquoise block fabric 3.0 m
Turquoise border fabric (includes binding): $\quad 3.0 \mathrm{~m}$
White inner border fabric: 70 m
Binding fabric (if choosing a different colour): 1.0 m

The best use of the turquoise finishing fabric is to cut eight $13^{\prime \prime}$ width of fabric strips. Subcut into five $8^{\prime \prime}$ cuts of $8 " \times 13 "$, for a total of 40 rectangles. Separate these into two piles of 20 rectangles with right sides facing up.

Cut the first pile into triangles diagonally from top left to bottom right. This gives you 40 triangles for the odd-numbered blocks.
 use these triangles for blocks $1,3,6,8,9,11,14,16,17,19$.

Cut the second pile into triangles diagonally from top right to bottom left. This gives you 40 triangles for the even-numbered blocks.

use these triangles for blocks $2,4,5,7,10,12,13,15,18,20$.

You need four identical triangles for each block. Sew a triangle to two sides of your $121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ blocks, matching centres. Press out to the triangles and trim off the excess, even with sides of block (shown by dashed line in the diagram).


Add triangles to opposite sides and press. Square up the blocks to 17 ", using two rulers or a large $201 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ ruler.

Sew the blocks together in five rows of four blocks.
Cut the white inner border fabric into nine 2" strips. Join them together end to end and add to the quilt top, sewing the sides first and then the top and bottom. Be sure to cut identical lengths for the sides and for the top/bottom, this will keep your quilt square.

Cut the turquoise border fabric into four $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " lengthwise strips for the outer border. Add them to the quilt in the same manner as the inner border.

You now have a completed quilt top! Thank you for participating in our Block of the Month program!

