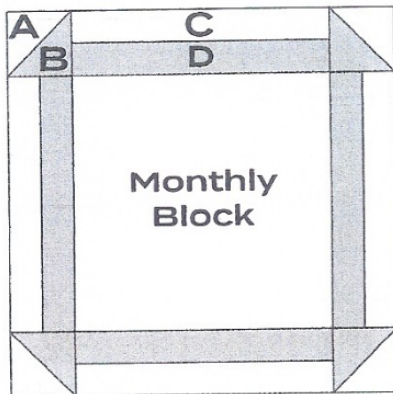
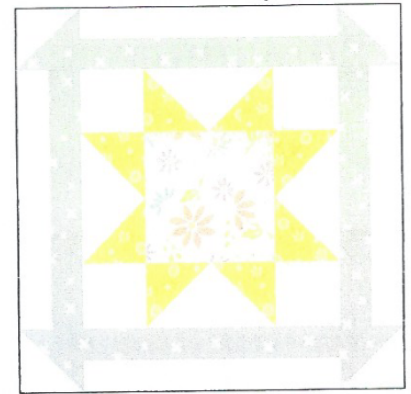


Block of the Month 2022

by

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January



Designer Note: Each block featured in the 2022 A Quilting Life BOM features a Churn Dash Border. Instructions for the Churn Dash Borders are given once in the January pattern. Either repeat the instructions each month with a unique fabric for each block, or complete all prep work in January with only (1) fabric. Cutting instructions below give quantities to cut for only (1) block, or to complete all the blocks. The choice is yours! Choose between either 6" finished blocks, or 12" finished blocks.

If you are using a different fabric for the Churn Dash Border each month, either half of a Fat Eighth or scraps will do. If you are using the same fabric for the Churn Dash Border each month, you will need the following yardages to complete this portion of the quilt:

- 6" Block Quilt: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of both a Background and Churn Dash Border print.
- 12" Block Quilt: $\frac{7}{8}$ yard of both a Background and Churn Dash Border print.

Cutting Instructions for Monthly Churn Dash Borders

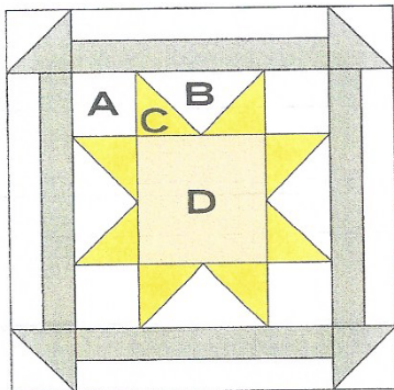
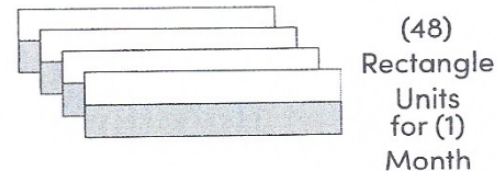
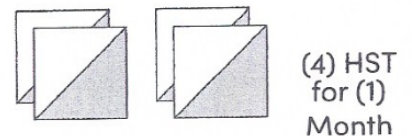
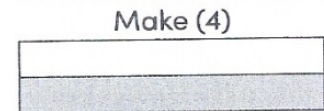
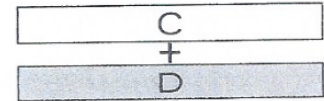
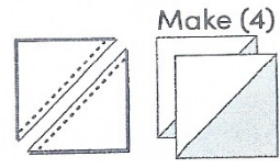
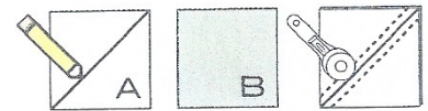
Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-D.

HST = Half Square Triangle

	6" Block (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished)	12" Block (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished)
Light (A)	(2) 2" squares to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (24) 2" squares to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.	(2) 3" squares to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (24) 3" squares to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.
Dark (B)	(2) 2" squares to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (24) 2" squares to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.	(2) 3" squares to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (24) 3" squares to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.
Light (C)	(4) 1" x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (48) 1" x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.	(4) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (48) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.
Dark (D)	(4) 1" x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (48) 1" x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.	(4) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make (1) Churn Dash Border, or (48) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to prepare for (12) Churn Dash Borders.

Piecing Instructions

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (2) A squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Place (1) A square with (1) B square, right sides together.
3. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from either side of the drawn diagonal lines as shown in the diagram.
4. Cut along the drawn diagonal lines separating the two sides, creating (4) HST units total.
5. Trim HST units using the following guide for 6" and 12" blocks:
 - a. 6" Block: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.
 - b. 12" Block: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.
6. Sew (4) C rectangles to (4) D rectangles lengthwise to make (4) rectangle units. Press toward the dark fabric.
7. Use the following guide for Churn Dash Border rectangle unit sizes:
 - a. 6" Block: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.
 - b. 12" Block: $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished.
8. Either repeat Churn Dash Border assembly each month using a new fabric, or repeat to prepare (48) HST units and (48) rectangle units using the same fabric for the monthly Churn Dash Border.



Cutting Instructions

	6" Block (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished)	12" Block (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished)
Light (A)	(4) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.	(4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
Light (B)	(4) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.	(4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.
Medium (C)	(8) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.	(8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
Light (D)	(1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.	(1) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

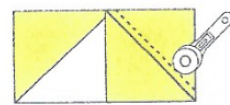
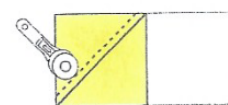
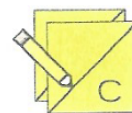
Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-D.

Piecing Instructions

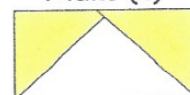
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (8) C squares using an erasable marker or pencil.
2. Place (1) C square onto the corner of (4) B rectangles, right sides together.
3. Sew along the drawn diagonal lines as shown. Trim the excess corner fabric to a $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press toward the corner.
4. Repeat stitch and flip techniques to attach an additional C square to the remaining B rectangle corners to complete (4) flying geese units.

5. Use the following guide for flying geese unit sizes:

- a. 6" Block: 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
- b. 12" Block: 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.



Make (4)



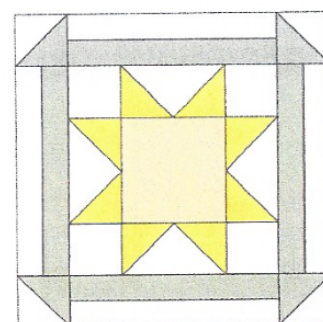
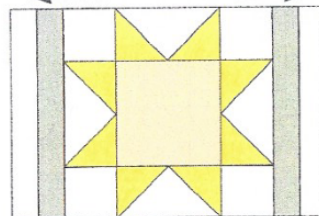
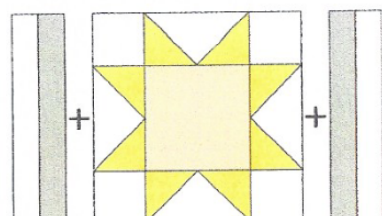
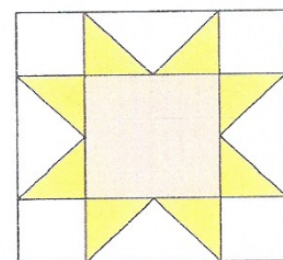
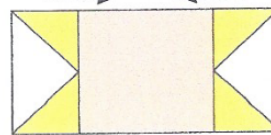
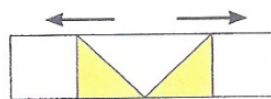
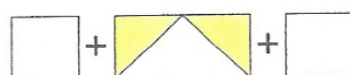
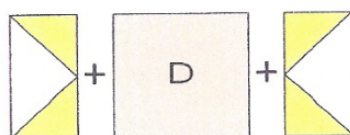
Assembly

6. Arrange the flying geese units, (4) A squares and (1) D square as shown. Sew the January block center together, pressing seams away from the flying geese units.

7. Use the following guide for January block center sizes:

- a. 6" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.
- b. 12" Block: 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" unfinished.

8. Arrange the prepared Churn Dash Border pieces around the January block center and assemble as shown, pressing seams toward the rectangle units.



Pattern of the Month...

Is it spring yet? With the pattern **Flowers for Emma** you can have spring all year round! The hexagon flowers remind us of blooming flower gardens, freshly mowed grass and fresh and colorful spring fabrics!



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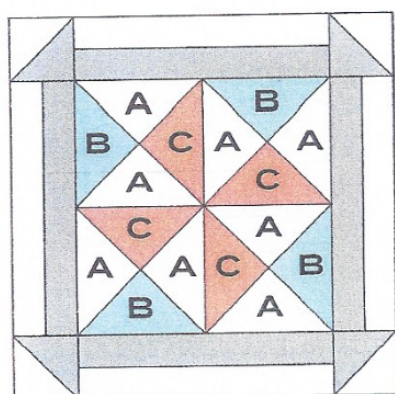


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Cutting Instructions



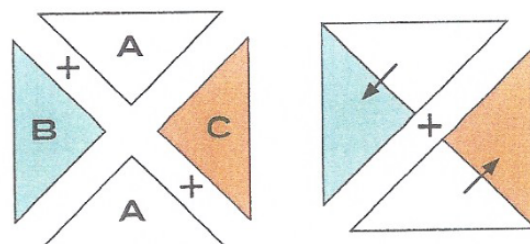
	6" Block (6 1/2" unfinished)	12" Block (12 1/2" unfinished)
Light (A)	(2) 3 1/2" squares; cut each square twice diagonally to make (8) QST.	(2) 5 1/2" squares; cut each square twice diagonally to make (8) QST.
Medium (B)	(1) 3 1/2" square; cut the square twice diagonally to make (4) QST.	(1) 5 1/2" square; cut the square twice diagonally to make (4) QST.
Medium (C)	(1) 3 1/2" square; cut the square twice diagonally to make (4) QST.	(1) 5 1/2" square; cut the square twice diagonally to make (4) QST.

Designer Note: Follow the block guide shown for fabric placement. Units are labeled A-C. Triangles have been oversized to allow for trimming.

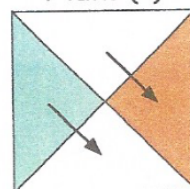
QST = Quarter Square Triangle

Piecing Instructions

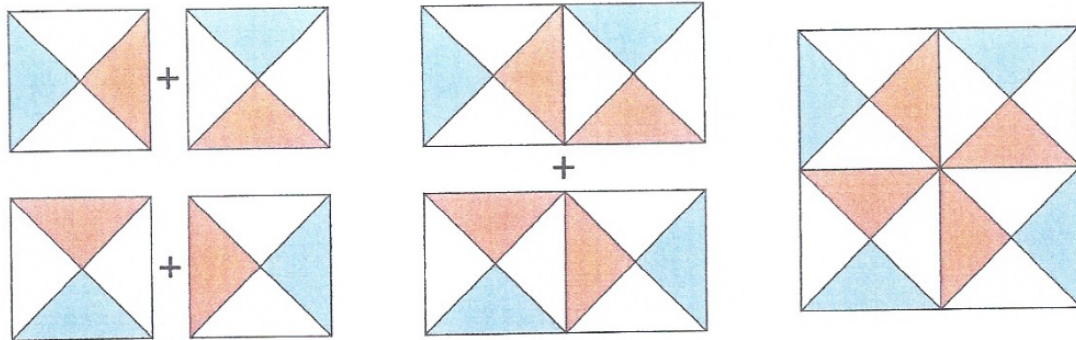
1. Arrange (2) A triangles, (1) B triangle and (1) C triangle to form a QST unit. Sew triangles together in (2) steps as shown to make a QST unit. Press seams toward the B and C triangles. When sewing the triangles together, be sure to align the triangle points and nestle seams for perfect triangle alignment in the center of the QST unit.
2. Repeat to make (4) identical QST units.
3. Triangles have been oversized to allow for trimming. Use the following guide to trim QST units for both block sizes. When trimming, ensure that the seams run precisely to the corners of the unit to preserve points.
 - a. 6" Block: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" unfinished.
 - b. 12" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.



Make (4)

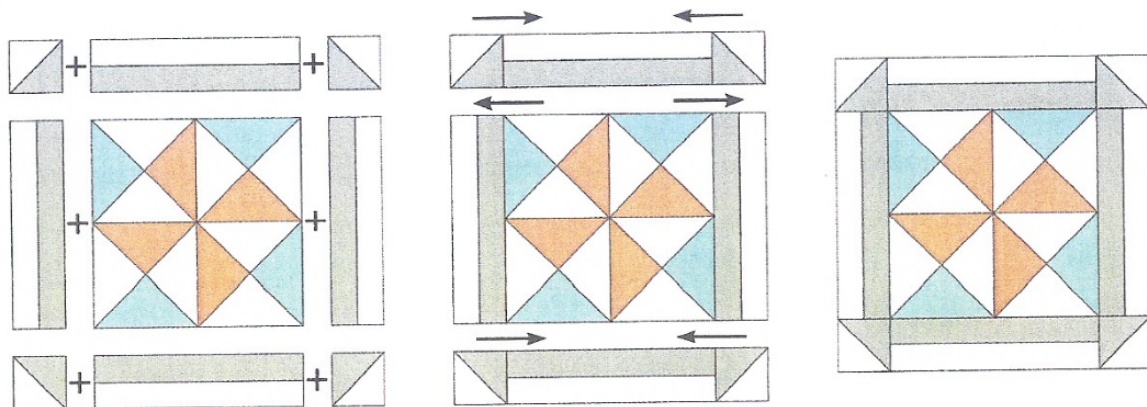


4. Arrange the QST units in a 2 x 2 grid. Ensure that the C triangles form a pinwheel in the February block center. Sew the February block center together, pressing seams open to reduce bulk.
5. Use the following guide for February block center sizes:
 - a. 6" Block: 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished.
 - b. 12" Block: 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" unfinished.



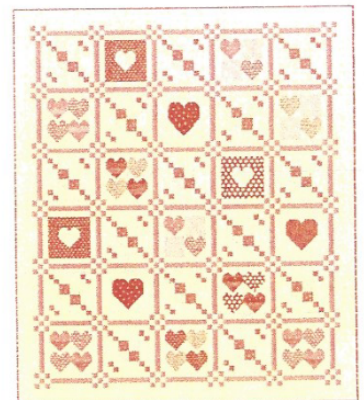
Assembly

6. Arrange the prepared Churn Dash Border pieces around the February block center and assemble as shown, pressing seams toward the rectangle units.



Pattern of the Month...

Valentine's Day is approaching and that calls for heart blocks and a cuddly quilt! Check out Sherri's design **Together** which was the 2021 Moda Stitch Pink project. Make a throw quilt, a wall hanging or even use only one of the heart blocks for an entire quilt!



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