

GMQG - BLOCK OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2011

From one light or medium print, cut:

- 2— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- 4— $1 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangles

From a second light or medium print, cut:

- 8— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From one dark print, cut:

- 2— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

- 1—1" square

From a second dark print, cut:

- 4— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

- 4— $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

- Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each light or medium print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

- Layer each marked light or medium print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square atop a dark print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Sew each pair together with two seams, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of drawn line (Diagram 1).



DIAGRAM 1

- Cut a pair apart on drawn line to make two triangle units (Diagram 1). Open triangle units and press seams toward dark print to make two triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should be $2\frac{1}{4}$ " square including seam allowances. Repeat with remaining pair to make four matching triangle-squares total.

- Referring to Diagram 2, lay out triangle-squares, light or medium print $1 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ " rectangles, and dark print 1" square in three rows. Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams open. Join rows to make a Shoofly unit; press seams open. The unit should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

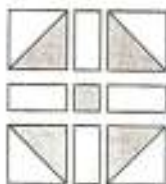


DIAGRAM 2



DIAGRAM 3

- Align a marked light or medium print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square with one end of a dark print $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (Diagram 3). Stitch on marked line and trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press attached triangle open, pressing seam toward dark print.

- Align a second marked light or medium print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square with remaining end of Step 5 dark print rectangle. Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a Flying Geese unit (Diagram 3). The unit should be $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

- Repeat steps 5 and 6 to make four Flying Geese units total.

- Lay out Shoofly unit, Flying Geese units, and dark print $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares in three rows (Diagram 4). Sew together pieces in each row. Press seams open. Join rows to make a star block; press seams open. The block should be $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.



DIAGRAM 4