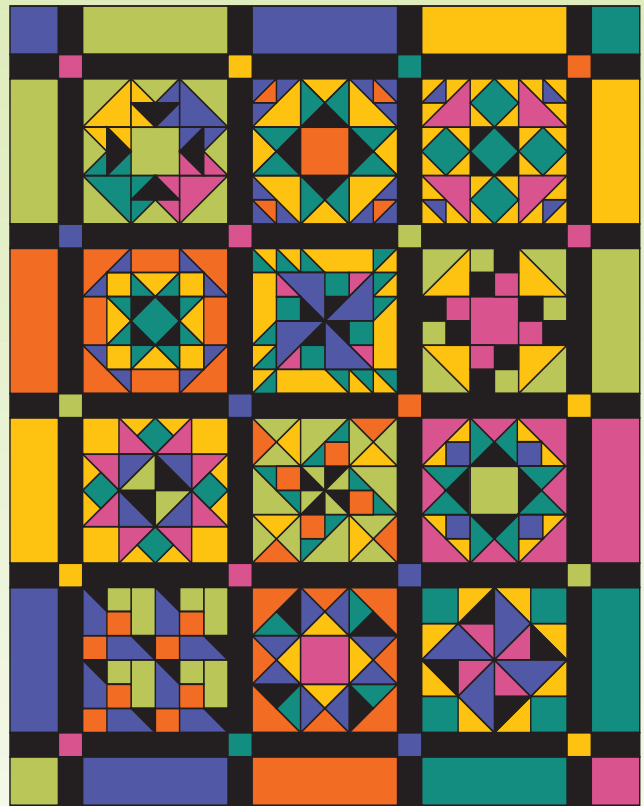


# Block Of The Month Sampler

The twelve blocks for 2008 are shown in a sampler quilt just in case you want to make it for yourself. Directions for each block will be given a page at a time for a block of the month exchange project. The patterns are for NQA members, chapters and affiliates. Chapters and affiliates can print as many copies as needed for the quilters in their group joining in the project. The last installment will include instructions to make the quilt.

*Block of the Month patterns started in the Winter 2007 issue of The Quilting Quarterly. Back issues can be ordered from the NQA website, [www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org).*



## Materials for sampler quilt

- 3/4 yd green
- 3/4 yd violet
- 3/4 yd yellow
- 3/4 yd teal
- 1/2 yd pink
- 1/2 yd orange
- 1-1/2 yd black (includes binding)

## Cutting sashings and borders

- (31) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" – black sashing strips
- (18) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" – black border strips
- (1) 4-1/2" square each – violet, teal, pink and green
- (2) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" border strips – teal, orange
- (1) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" pink border strip
- (3) 4-1/2" x 12-1/2" border strips – violet, lime, yellow
- (20) 2-1/2" squares in assorted colors (no black)

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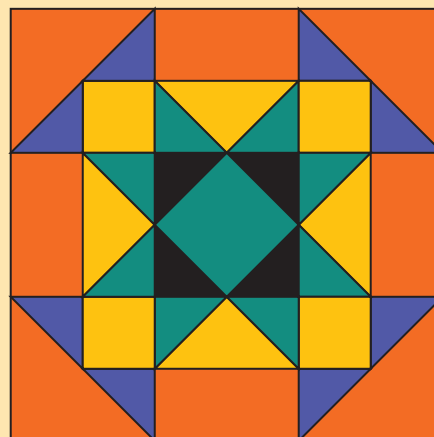


# April

## Star Bright Block

This block is sewn from two popular units, the Square In A Square and Flying Geese. You make the units by sewing squares together, then trimming away excess fabric. This method uses a bit more fabric but keeps seams sewn on the bias from stretching as you stitch. The block design is completed using half square triangles to form a frame around the center star.

Block Size: 12"



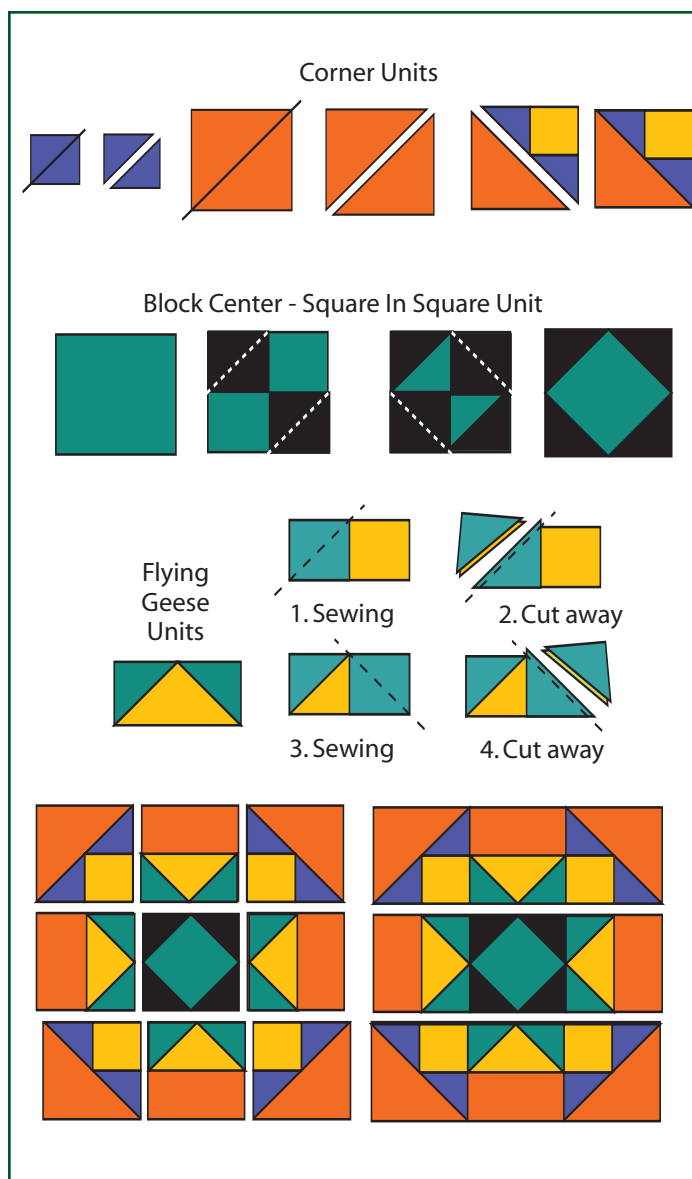
### Directions

#### Cutting

- (1) 4-1/2" square in teal
- (4) 2-1/2" squares in black, gold
- (8) 2-1/2" squares in teal
- (4) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles in gold, orange
- (4) 2-7/8" squares in purple, cut in half on diagonal once for 8 triangles
- (2) 4-7/8" squares in orange, cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles

#### Sewing

- Step 1** Square in Square units. Following the diagram, stitch a black square in opposite corners of the 4-1/2" teal square. Stitch, trim and press. Repeat in remaining two corners to make 1 unit.
- Step 2** Flying Geese Units – Referring to the color Flying Geese Units diagram, place the teal squares on the left side of each of the four gold rectangles. Draw a diagonal line on the colored squares and stitch on the line. Trim away excess fabrics from the stitched line. Fold triangle out and press. Sew colored squares to the opposite side of the gold triangles in the same manner to complete the Flying Geese units. Repeat the process to make four Flying Geese star point units.
- Step 3** Sew the completed units together to make the sections in the three rows in the quilt block. Sew the sections together to make the block rows. Refer to diagram for placement of the units in each row. Sew the rows together to complete the quilt block.

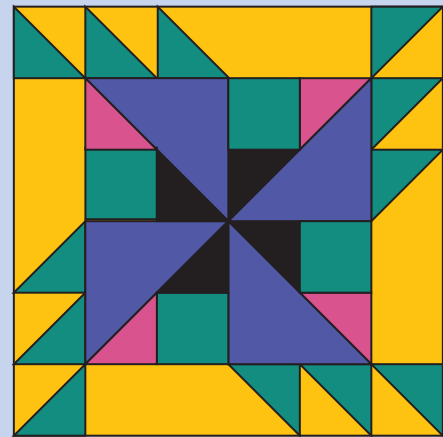


# May

## Strawflower Block

This is a little known block, not often seen in a quilt. The block has lots of half square triangles and a few squares. Sew up the units first, then sew the block together. The sections of the block are not in the usual "row" arrangement but rather built from smaller units to bigger units and then the block.

Block Size: 12"



### Directions

#### Cutting

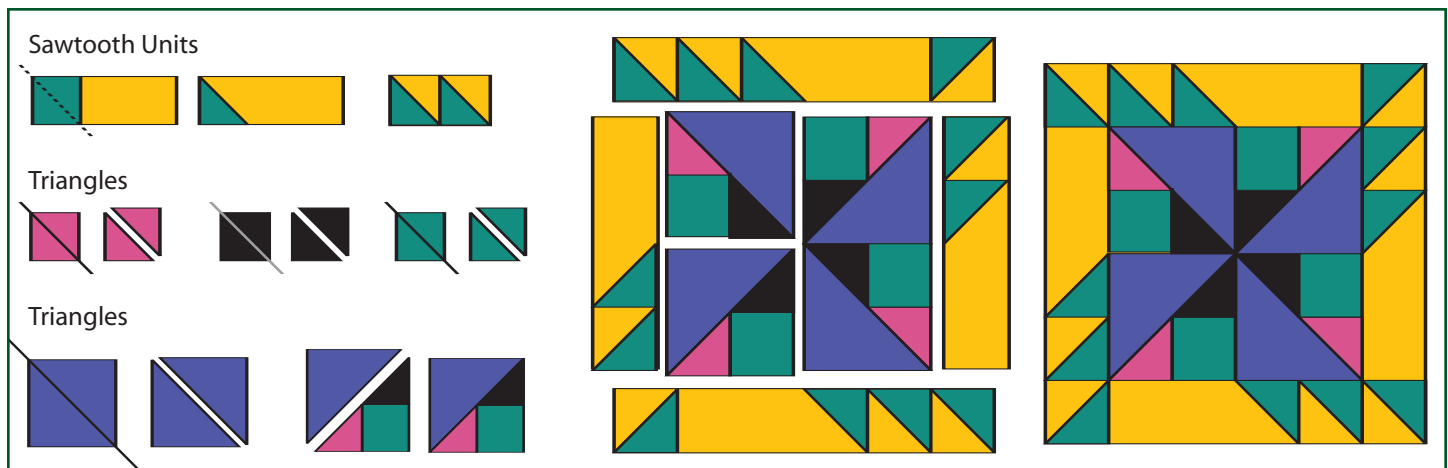
- (4) gold 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles
- (8) teal 2-1/2" squares
- (2) pink 2-7/8" squares,  
cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (2) black 2-7/8" squares,  
cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles
- (4) teal 2-7/8" squares,  
cut in half on diagonal once for 8 triangles
- (4) gold 2-7/8" squares,  
cut in half on diagonal once for 8 triangles
- (2) 4-7/8" purple squares,  
cut in half on diagonal once for 4 triangles

#### Sewing

**Step 1** Center units – Following the diagram, stitch a black triangle and a pink triangle to adjacent sides of a teal square. Make 4. Using the large

purple triangles stitch to the finished units to make a square. Make 4. Sew the 4 units into a square Pinwheel block unit. Set aside.

- Step 2** Outside Row – Position a teal square at one end of a gold rectangle. Stitch from corner to corner on the diagonal. Trim away excess fabric, fold teal triangle out and press to make a sawtooth rectangle unit. Make 4. Sew a gold triangle to a teal triangle to make a half square triangle unit. Make 8.
- Step 3** Sew one half-square triangle unit to the teal triangle end of two sawtooth rectangle units. Sew these units to opposite sides of the Pinwheel block unit.
4. Sew 2 small half square triangle units to one end of the two remaining sawtooth rectangle units, and a single half square triangle unit to the other end of the block unit. Make 2. Sew these units to the remaining two sides of the Pinwheel block unit.

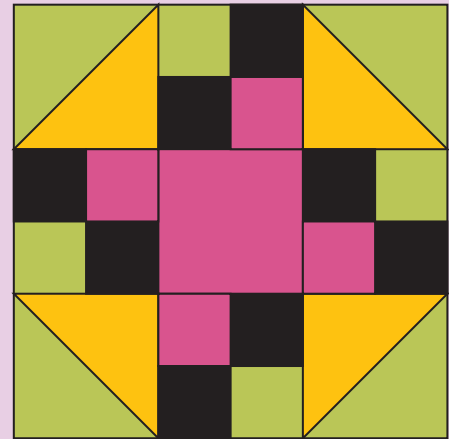


# June

## Prairie Queen Block

This block is often given to beginning quilters as a starter block. It is made of mostly squares and a few big triangles. You can make it in a jiffy and maybe you won't stop at just one. Try playing with a set of these blocks with and without sashings. See what happens!

Block Size: 12"



### Directions

#### Cutting

- (4) lime 4-7/8" squares, cut in half for two triangles
- (4) lime 2-1/2" squares
- (4) gold 4-7/8" squares, cut in half for two triangles
- (1) pink 4-1/2" square
- (4) pink 2-1/2" squares
- (8) black 2-1/2" squares

#### Sewing

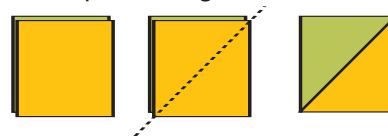
**Step 1** Half Square Triangles – Following the diagram stack a lime and gold square with right sides together. Sew in half on the diagonal. Cut away excess fabric 1/4" from the stitching line. Fold out resulting triangles and press the seam. Make 4.

**Step 2** Four Patch Units – Using the small lime, black and pink squares, sew a Four Patch Unit. The lime square is in upper left hand corner, and the pink square is positioned in lower right hand corner. Make 4.

**Step 3** Sew the blocks together in three rows, arranging them as shown in the assembly diagram.

**Step 3** Sew the rows together to complete the block.

Half Square Triangles



Four Patch Unit

