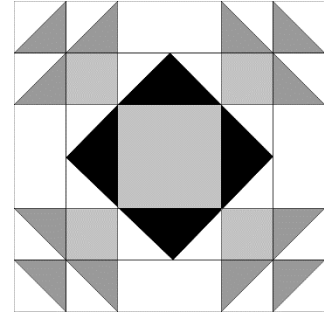


# 2024 BOM, Celebrate the Summer Solstice Block, Summer Wind (12" finished block)

A **solstice** is the time when the Sun reaches its most northerly or southerly excursion relative to the celestial equator on the celestial sphere. Two solstices occur annually, around June 21 and December 21. In many countries, the seasons of the year are determined by the solstices and the equinoxes.



## Dark Fabric:

Cut 4 rectangles, 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

## Light Fabric:

Cut 4 squares, 2 1/2"

## Medium Fabric:

Cut 6 squares, 3" for HST

## Background

Cut 4 rectangles, 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Cut 6 squares, 3" for HST

Cut 8 squares, 2 1/2" for Flying Geese. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the back of each.

**Center Square:** Cut 1 square, 4 1/2"

## Assembly

### Center Square:

Use the 4 1/2" square.

### Sides:

Take one of the dark 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles and lay one of the background 2 1/2" squares on one half. Sew on the diagonal line and trim 1/4" away from the sewn line (Figure 1). Press out and your piece should look like figure 2. Repeat on the other side with a second 2 1/2" square. Make a total of 4.

Sew a background 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle to the long side of each of the flying geese blocks according to figure 3. Make 4 units.



Figure 1



Figure 2



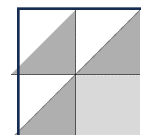
Figure 3

### Corner Squares:

Use the 6 – 3" medium squares and the 6 – 3" background squares to make half square triangles (directions below)

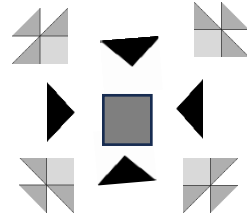
Using 3 HST and one 2 1/2" light square, assemble according to Figure 4.

Figure 4



## Finishing

Assemble in rows according to the shaded diagram  
Row one, corner square, side square, corner square  
Row two, side square, center square, side square  
Row three, corner square, side square, corner square.



**\*\*To make half square triangle blocks:** On the back of the lighter of the fabrics, draw a line diagonally from corner to corner. Then 1/4" on either side of this cutting line, draw 2 stitching lines. With two squares, right sides together, sew on the two outside stitching lines. Then cut into 2 halves on the line between the two stitching lines. Press out and you will have 2, half square triangle blocks.

