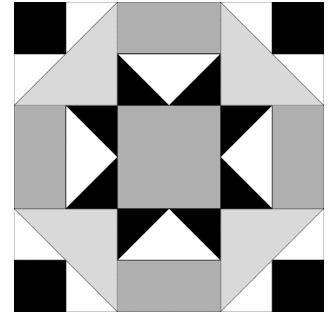


2024 BOM, August

Celebrate The Dog Days of Summer

Block: Sirius (The Dog Star) (12" finished block)

The dog days of summer are the hot and humid days of July and August in the Northern Hemisphere. The term comes from the ancient belief that the star system Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, was responsible for the extreme heat, drought, storms and bad luck that occurred during this time.



Dark Fabric:

Cut 12 – 2 1/2" squares.

Eight of the 2 1/2" squares will be used for flying geese units

Light Fabric:

Cut 2 – 4 7/8" squares, divide diagonally for 4 triangles

Medium:

Cut 2 – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles for the side squares

Background:

Cut 4 – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles for flying geese units

Cut 4 – 2 7/8" squares for the corner units. Divide diagonally into 8 triangles.

Center Square:

Cut 1 – 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square. This is a good place to showcase a special fabric.

Side Squares:

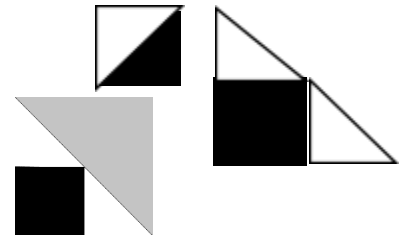
Take one of the background 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles and lay one of the dark 2 1/2" squares on one half. Sew on the diagonal line and trim 1/4" away from the sewn line. Press out and your piece should look like the second figure. Repeat on the other side with a second 2 1/2" square. Make a total of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

Sew a medium 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle to the bottom of each of the flying geese blocks. Finished unit should look like the third figure and measure 4 1/2".



Corner squares:

Lay one of the 8 triangles on one of the 2 1/2" dark squares, matching the short side of the triangle to the side of the square. Press out and repeat on the adjoining side with a second triangle. Press out and it should look like the second figure. Make a total of 4 units.



Use one of the triangles from the divided 4 7/8" square and match the long side to the long side of the unit in the previous step. Make 4 units. Unit should measure 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Finishing: Following the shaded diagram at the top of the page, assemble in rows. Pay attention to orientation of the corners and sides.

Corner – side – corner

Side – center -side

Corner – side - corner

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****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.

