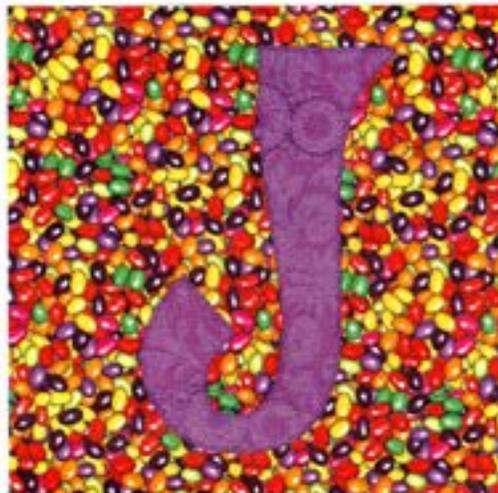
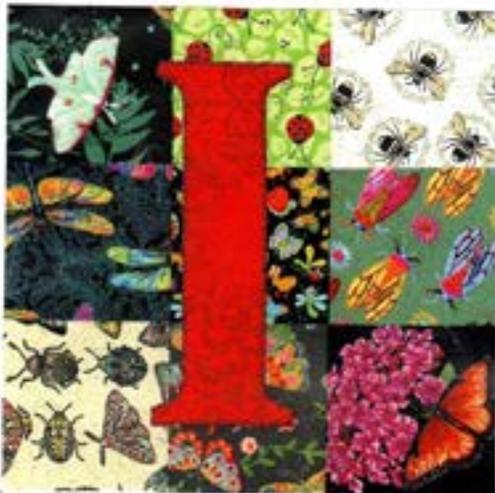


Block/Pattern of the Month
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Happy St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy the celebration of all things green and Irish. A good chunk of my ancestry is a mix of Scots and Irish, with my maiden name Ford designating a safe place to cross a river. I may be related to Robert Ford, a member of the James-Younger gang, who assassinated Jesse James. Robert himself was murdered when he was only 30 years old. Most of my ancestors were fairly peaceful.

We are continuing the alphabet with “**I**” and “**J**”. I chose **insects** for **I** and pieced the background to show lots of different kinds of bugs. Making a nine-patch block in a 10” size was a bit of a challenge, but I gave it a try. I like the look, but would recommend a 9” or 12” block if you want to make a lot—much easier cutting.

Jellybean fabric, which was languishing in my stash of food fabrics, was perfect for **J**. You may notice that the **J** seems a bit tall—I made it that way because in many typefaces, the bottom curve of the **J** comes below the line of lettering. If you use my **J** to start a name or monogram, line up the tops of the letters, and let the **J** hang lower than the others. It could be really pretty if your middle initial is **J**.





Enlarge the patterns 150 % for a 10" block. The **J** is backwards for tracing. The arrow indicates the top of the **I**, because the top is slightly narrower.

