

TQG BLOCK of the MONTH

Dear Quilting Friends,

I thought it would be fun to make a southwest inspired quilt using blocks that are designed to be easier than they look. It doesn't take away from the look of the block but it sure does make it easier! I also cut the fabric a bit oversized for many of the pieces and then trim to size but please use any technique you are comfortable with. Betty Jordan has kindly agreed to test the patterns so they should be accurate but if there are any issues, please feel free to contact me. You'll see there are only 7 main blocks, month 8 will be the sashing blocks and months 9-10 are for the identical set-in blocks. **I would love you to join me in doing this project. To incentivize you, I will quilt at least 10 quilts on my new Handi quilter!** *Details: quilting will be a continuous pattern. You supply backing, batting. To qualify, you need to sign up by November and bring or send a picture of each finished block within 2 months of release (So October would be due by December).*

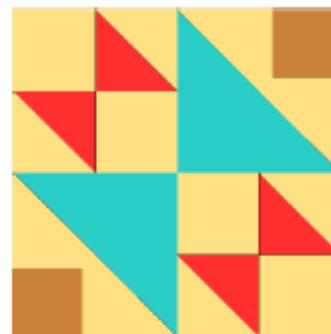
If you have too many southwest quilts, feel free to change the fabric choices. Here is an example in Christmas colors: The quilt finishes at about 45"x67". You can change the size larger or smaller by changing sashing size. For example, here is a baby quilt idea that is 37x57



BOM 2 (November) 12.5" finished

Colors:

C1 Butter	Lightest
C2 Orange	
C3 Blue	
C4 Red	
C5 Brown	Darkest



💡 HINT: I use starch when working with bias/diagonal seams.

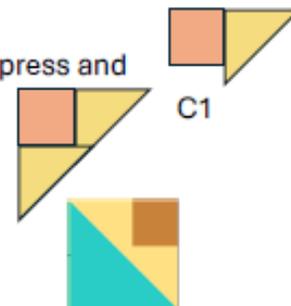
1. Hourglass blocks

- ✓ Cut four squares 3.5" from C1 (butter)
- ✓ Cut two squares each 4.25" from C1(butter) and C4(red),
- ✓ HSTs 4.25" squares: Match right sides together. Sew ¼" from center on each side and cut between sewn lines then cut in half diagonally
- ✓ Trim HSTs to 3.5"
- ✓ Sew two sets of four blocks which should finish at 6.5"



2. Modified geese blocks

- ✓ Cut two squares 3.5" from C5 (brown)
- ✓ Cut one square 7" from C3 (blue) then cut diagonally
- ✓ Cut 2 squares 5" from C1 then cut diagonally
- ✓ Sew short side of C1 triangle to C5 square, do not trim (yet) press and repeat on adjoining side. The C5 square will 'float' in the triangle
- ✓ Trim if needed to 7"
- ✓ Sew C1/C5 combo triangle to C3 triangle aligning in center
- ✓ Trim to 6.5 inches



3. Combine four square block

- ✓ Sew four blocks together per picture.
- ✓ Press

