



**Pattern of the Month - February 2015**  
**Sunflower Block** designed by Hope Johnson

Hope Johnson of the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild in Vermont, and Dr. Diana Sammataro, a retired bee researcher and current member of Tucson Quilters Guild, are asking quilters in their guilds to partner in support of sustainable livelihoods in Ethiopia by making a Bees for Development Sunflower Quilt. This quilt will be used as a fundraiser to help establish a beekeeping center in Ethiopia. Bees For Development is a nonprofit organization which provides beekeeping training and marketing of related products to enable poor communities develop their own sustainable income and improve their standard of living (for project details and more about BfD please visit [beesfordevelopment.org](http://beesfordevelopment.org).)



Tucson Guild members who would like to make an appliqued sunflower block for this quilt are asked to turn it in to Evelyn George at the February Guild meetings, or mail by March 3, 2015 to: Hope Johnson, P.O. Box 674, Shelburne, VT 05482.

**Sunflower Applique Block** Pieces (5 total):

**Sunflower:**

Two circles, A and B, and two 6-pointed petal shapes, C and D

Use solid or small-scale patterned warm yellow, yellow-orange and or medium browns and beige (no red, no neon, or day-glo hues).

**Background:**

One 8" x 8" square

Use solid light to medium shade primary blue hue (no blue-green, no blue-violet).

**Guidelines:**

Use all cotton fabrics. Sunflower fabrics can be solid and/or patterned.

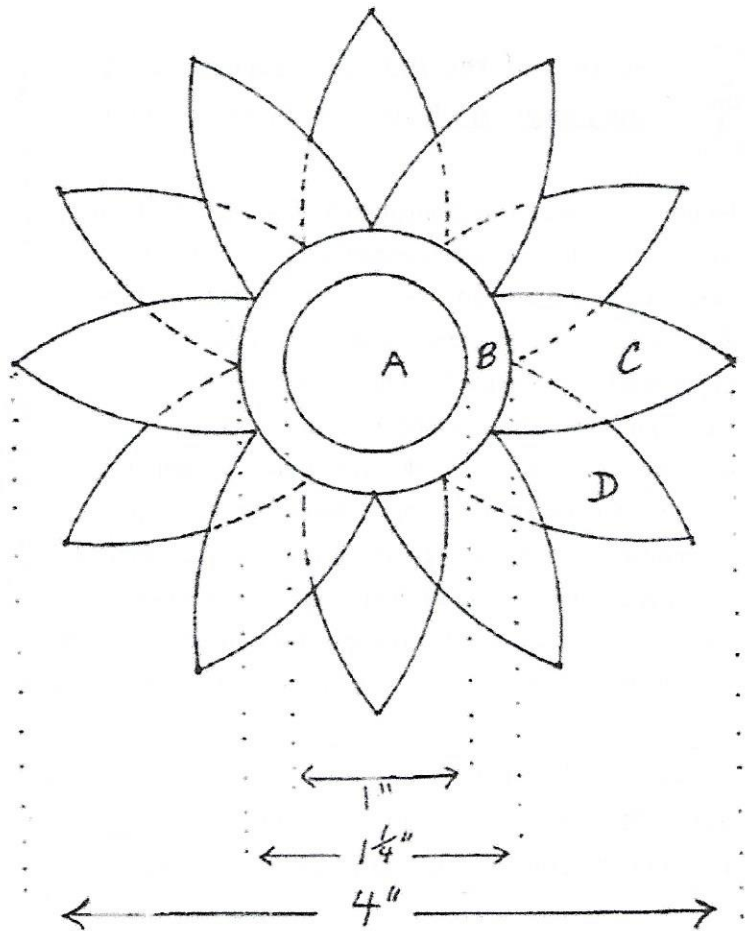
If you would like to fussy cut, petals can be made individually.

Match the center of the petal shape with the center of the square. Applique using any technique you prefer. Use only lightweight fusible stabilizer (Wonder Under, Steam-a-Seam Lite), please. No raw edges without stitches.

Fabric can be stamped, painted, and embellished with embroidery, machine or hand stitches, just stay within the lines of the petals -background is to remain solid blue color. No buttons, please.

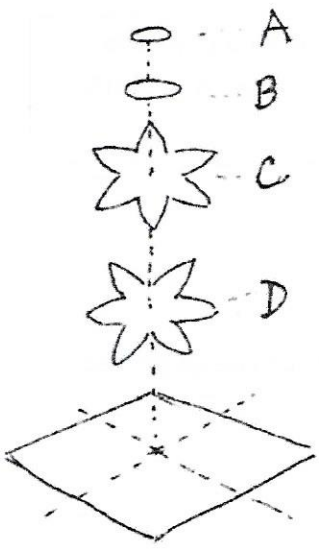
*Thank you for your contribution!*

**Suggestion:** Templates don't always print accurate size – Please use the **measurements** as a guide if adjustments are needed. Don't make flower any bigger than 4" --and center the flower on the 8" blue background; Hope will recut blocks into hexagon shapes for the quilt. (See sketch below.) Thanks! --Evelyn



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**ASSEMBLY:**



Many thanks to Diana Sammataro for connecting us with the Vermont Guild, and to Hope Johnson for designing and sharing this beautiful block and inviting us to be a part of this unique and special project. Hope has also graciously given permission for us to use the block for our own personal projects. If you have any questions or suggestions about the BfD Sunflower Quilt, please feel free to contact Hope via e-mail at [vermontquiltbee@myfairpoint.net](mailto:vermontquiltbee@myfairpoint.net) or call her at 802-985-9747.

