

Block Party for October

This month's block, Birds in the Air, is inspired by visions of birds flying south for the winter.

Materials needed

Bright color for large triangle (large or medium print): One $9\frac{7}{8}$ " square.

Coordinating bright color for birds (small or medium print): Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

Pale sky blue: Four $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.

Directions

Cut the large $9\frac{7}{8}$ " square across on the diagonal and set aside.

Start by sewing two sets of half square triangles. Put right sides together of the two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " bright color squares with two of the sky blue squares.

In each set draw a diagonal line on one side. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the line and cut on the line. You will now have four half square triangle blocks. You will only need three of these blocks. Press seams to the dark fabric. Now cut the remaining two pale blue blocks across on the diagonal. You will have four triangles but will only use three.

Sew these components together in three rows as in the sample. Top row is two half square blocks and one triangle. Press seams carefully as you go and clip the little "rabbit ears". Second row is one block and one triangle. Sew to row one. Third row is just a triangle. Sew your birds triangle to one of the large triangles. Your block will be $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Why not make a second block with your leftover pieces?

To participate, make the block described, bring it to the next meeting, post your block(s) on the design board, and place your name (one for each block you bring) into the pot. A winning name from those who contributed will be drawn; the winner takes home all the blocks.

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