



Tuning My Heart Quilts

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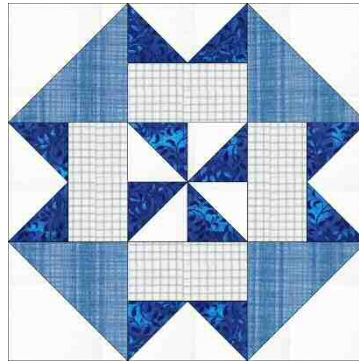


* We Can Build A Snowman *

A Block of the Month Program
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* Block 11: In Town *



Finished Size 12" x 12"

This month's block is based upon the Folded Corners block and I am using it to represent a town square. Our snowmen have donned their hats for a visit to town in this block.

For this block we will be using Fabrics 2, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 11. The idea on this one is to have the small triangles a darker shade against the larger corner ones. This gives the illusion of a folded square. Keep that in mind in your choice for what to use for pieces B and D.

Fabric requirements for the entire quilt can be found at www.tuning-my-heart.com In the cutting directions you will see which fabric to use and what piece to cut from that fabric. Before cutting, I like to starch my fabrics. Labeling your pieces as you cut them is also a good habit to get into that will help you stay organized as you put your blocks together. Remember to check out the video tutorials on my website for tips on piecing and embroidery at www.tuning-my-heart.com/we-can-build-a-snowman-bom

Happy Quilting!

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❄️ Cutting Directions ❄️

From Fabric 2 cut:
G-(cut 2) 3" x 3"

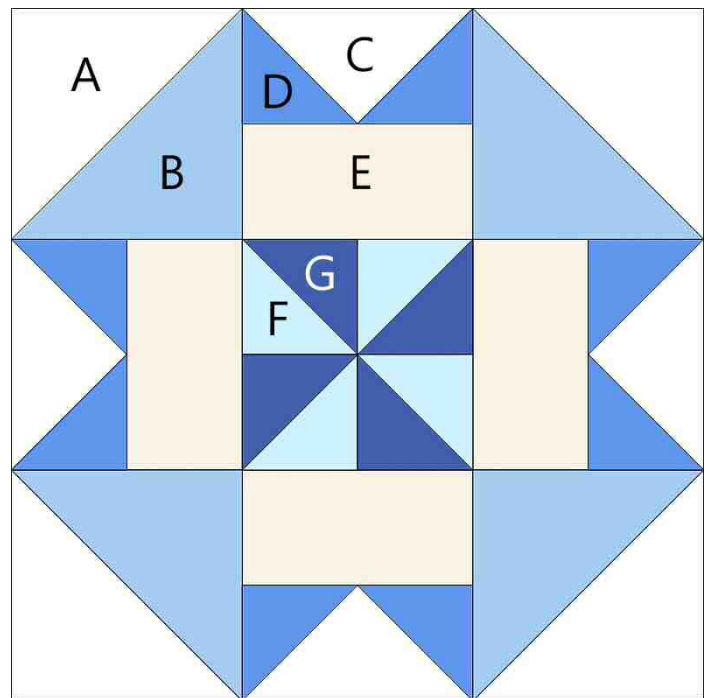
From Fabric 3 cut:
D-(cut 4) 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ "

From Fabric 5 cut:
B-(cut 2) 5" x 5"

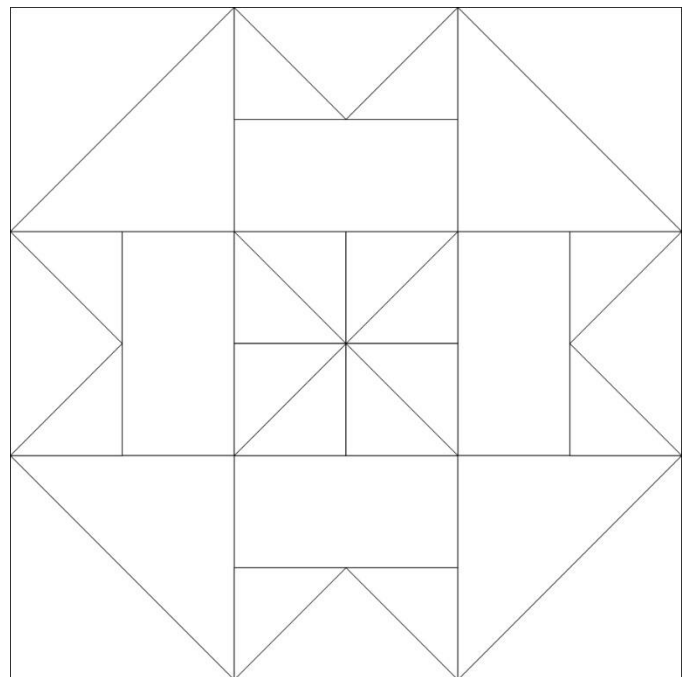
From Fabric 8 cut:
F-(cut 2) 3" x 3"

From Fabric 9 cut:
E-(cut 4) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

From Fabric 11 cut:
A-(cut 2) 5" x 5"
C-(cut 1) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

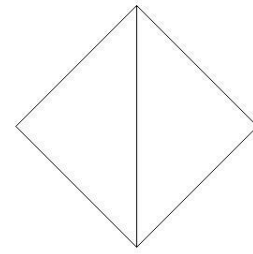


Color it Your Way

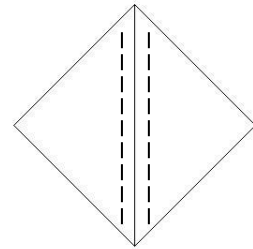


❄️ Step 1: Half-square Triangles ❄️

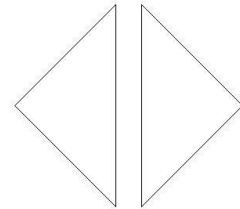
(1) Draw a diagonal line on the back of all of the A squares.



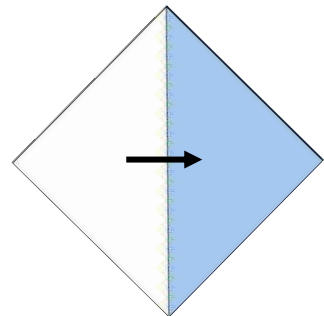
(2) Place the A squares right sides together on top of the B squares. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the drawn line.



(3) Cut apart on the drawn line to yield two Half-square Triangles.
You will have a total of four Half-square Triangles (HST).



(4) Press towards B as indicated by arrow.



(5) Trim to measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". To trim make sure to lay the diagonal line of your ruler on the diagonal seam to ensure a perfectly square HST.

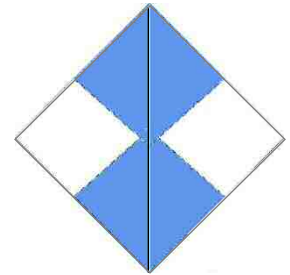
❄️ Step 2: Flying Geese ❄️

To make the Flying Geese units I like the no-waste method. There is some waste as I have cut my pieces a little large in order to trim them to the correct size.

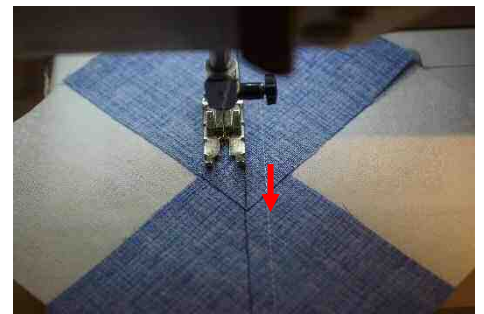
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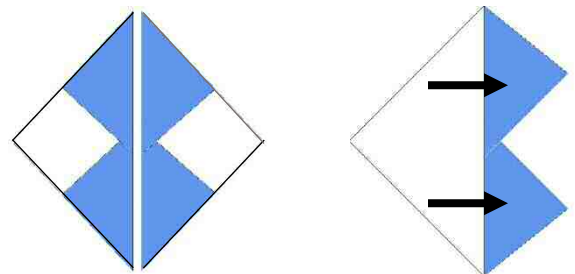
(1) Using the C and D squares, lay two D squares right sides together on top of the C square as shown. Draw a diagonal line down the middle of the D squares.



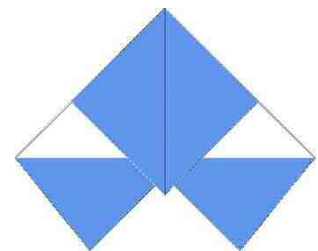
(2) Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the drawn line. It helps to face the top square away from the needle as you sew. (See arrow)



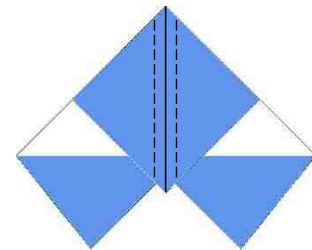
(3) Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the small triangles as indicated by arrows.



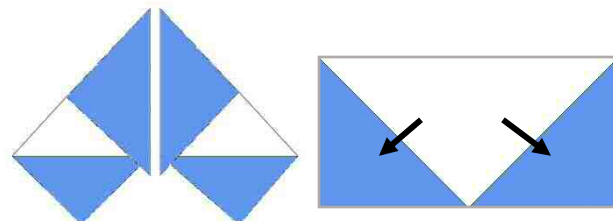
(4) Place the remaining D squares on the units you just made and draw a diagonal line down the middle.



(5) Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each side of the drawn line.



(6) Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the small triangles. You will have four Flying Geese units.



(7) Trim Flying Geese units to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

(My video tutorial has very helpful, detailed instructions if you need help with trimming to size.)

Line up the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " mark on your ruler with the tip of the "goose" which is circled in the photo. You need $\frac{1}{4}$ " for a seam allowance above that mark.

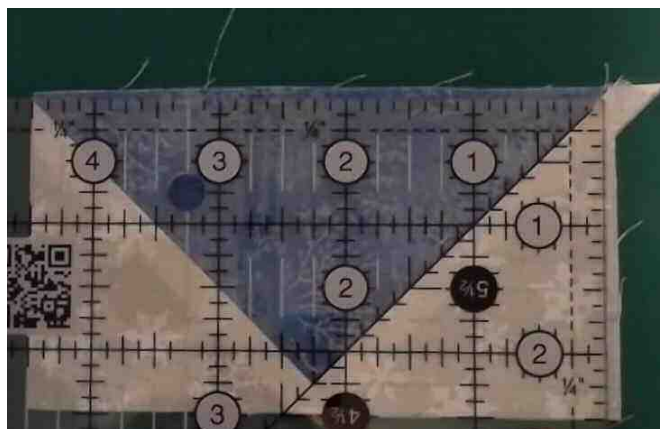
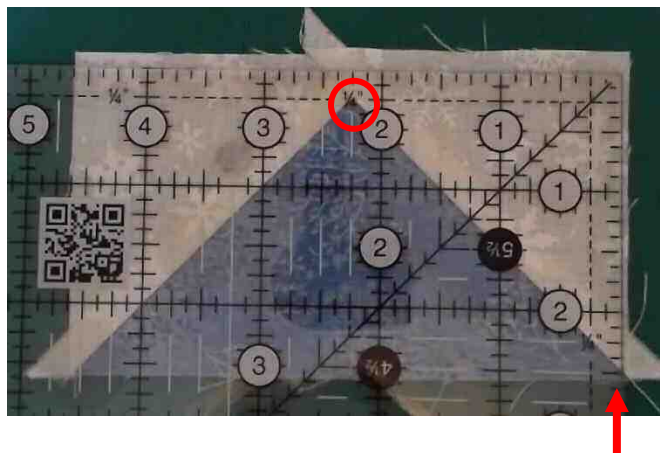
Line up the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " mark where the diagonal seam comes together indicated in photo with arrow.

Trim the right side and top.

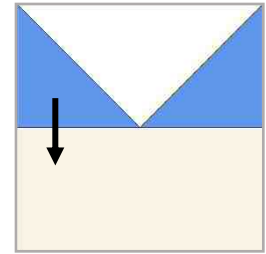
Rotate the unit to trim the remaining two sides.

Line up the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " line and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " line with the edges that you just trimmed. The diagonal line on your ruler will lay on the seam line now. The $2\frac{1}{4}$ " mark should fall at the point of the "goose" again with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance beyond it. Trim.

(The Bloc-Loc 2"x 4" ruler works well for these as well as Creative Grids Flying Geese Ruler.)



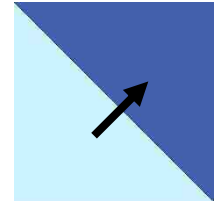
8) Add an E rectangle to the bottom of each Flying Geese Unit. Press towards E.



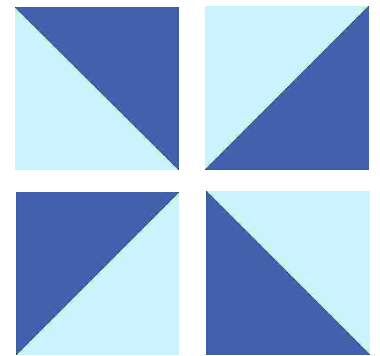
Step 3: The Pinwheel

To make the pinwheel we start by using the F and G squares to make Half-square Triangles just like we did in Step 1

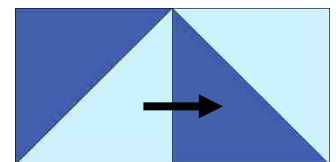
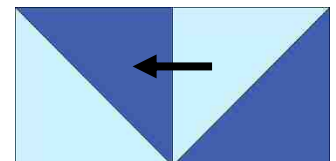
(1) Make four Half-square Triangles. Press towards G. Trim to 2½” x 2½” squares.



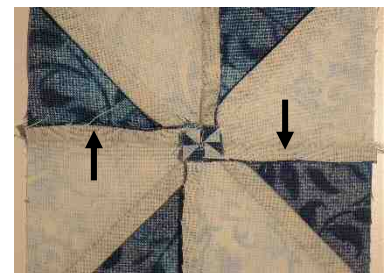
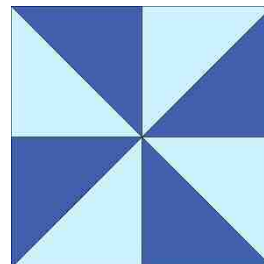
(2) Arrange the Half-square Triangles as shown to make the pinwheel design.



(3) Join together into pairs, pressing as directed by arrows.

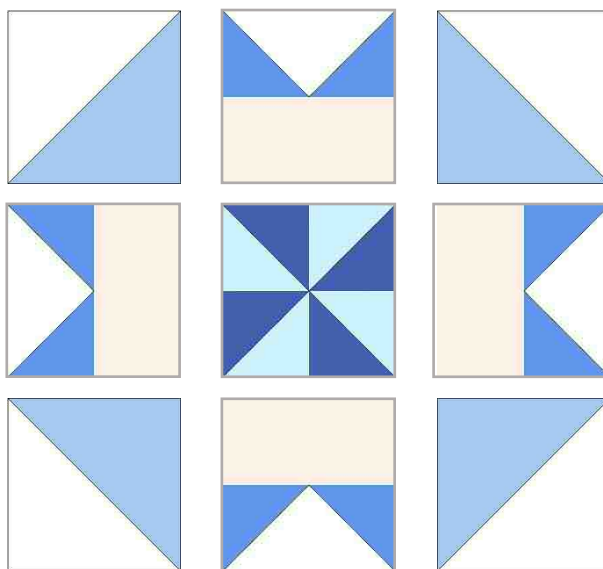


(4) Join the pairs together to make the pinwheel block. Press, fanning the seams as shown in photo. The Pinwheel block should measure 4½” x 4½”

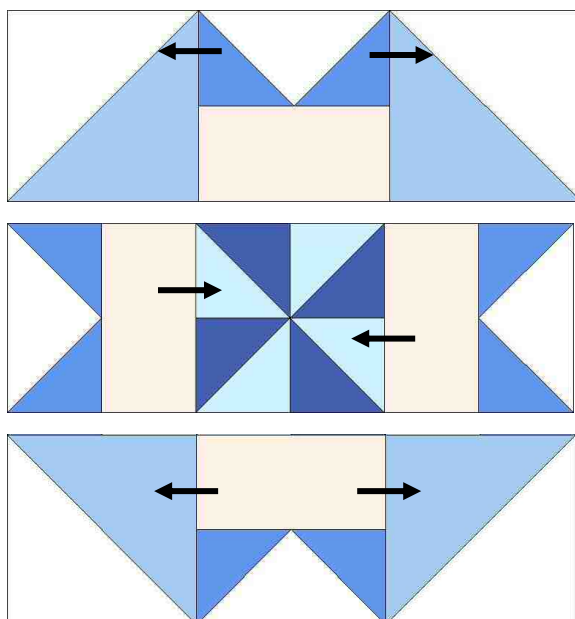


❄️ Step 7: Assemble the Block ❄️

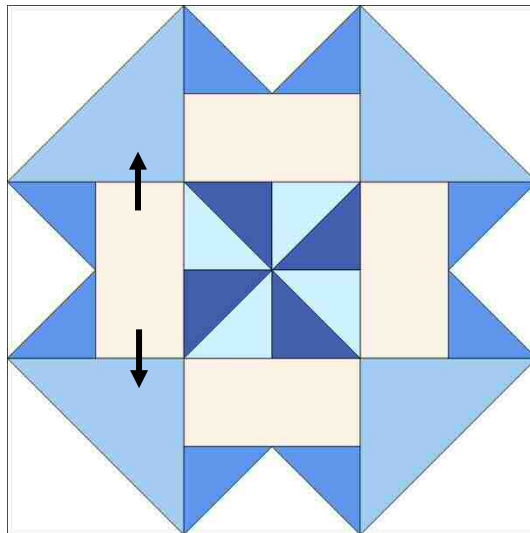
(1) Lay out the Half-square Triangles, Flying Geese Units and the Pinwheel block as shown.



(2) Join together into rows, pressing as indicated.



(3) Join the rows together to finish the block, pressing as indicated.



❄️ Step 8: Add Embroidery Details ❄️

Trace the Snowman face onto the four corners of the block using the Embroidery Pattern Page included in this pattern.

Using two strands of floss:

Black: -French Knot for eyes

-Backstitch for eyebrows and mouth

Orange -Satin Stitch for nose

That's all for this month. I hope you will consider joining my Facebook Sew Along group so that you can share your quilting journey with a really great group of quilters sewing along with me. It is a group made up of all skill levels from beginner to advanced and everyone is warmly welcomed. www.facebook.com/groups/tuningmyheartsewalong

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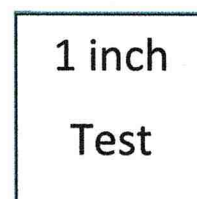
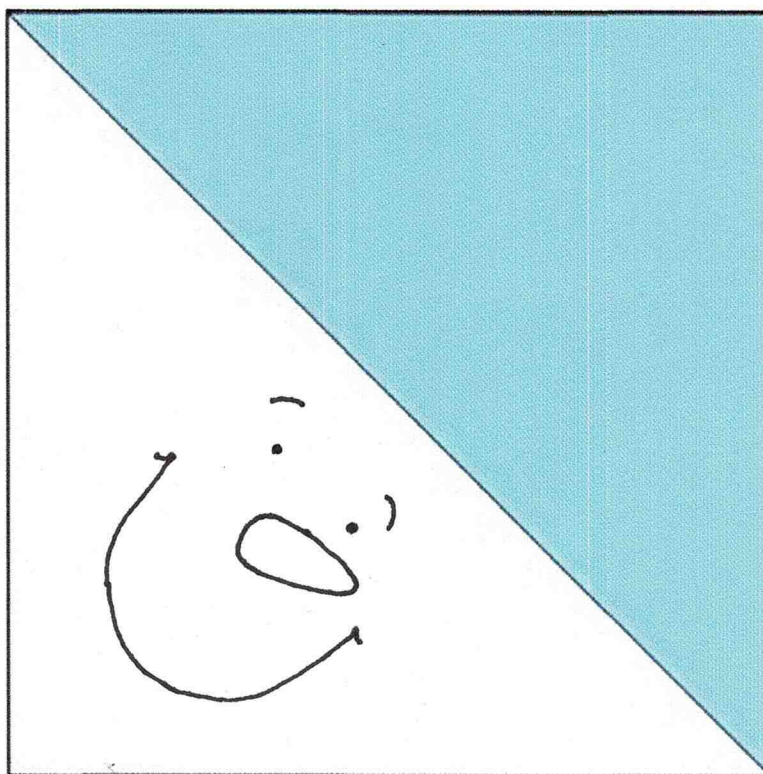
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❄️ Block 11: Embroidery Pattern ❄️

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