

Block of the Month August 07

Birds-In-The-Air

It's that time of the year--the leaves are changing, the days are getting shorter, the air is becoming crisper and the birds are heading south. We will be making a Birds-in-the-air blocks in autumn colors on a cream background. These instructions will make two 6 1/2" blocks. This is a fun, easy block.

From your autumn fabric:

-- cut one 7" square. Then cut it in half diagonally. These are your large birds.

--cut one 4" square. Then cut it in half diagonally. These are your smaller birds.

From your background cream fabric: --cut 3 4" squares. Cut each in half diagonally.

Lay out the pieces and make two blocks.

Sew one each of the 4" autumn and 4" cream triangles together along the long bias side, to create a half square triangle. Finger press toward the darker fabric.

Add a cream triangle to either side of the autumn color in the half square triangle you just made. You will be sewing the shorter cream triangle side to the autumn half square triangle block.

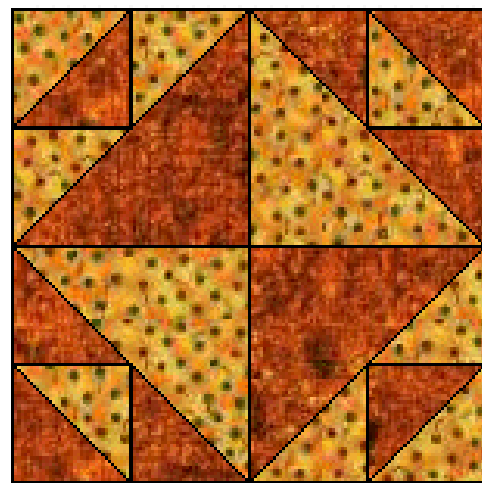
Sew the large autumn colored triangle to the unit you just created.

All done.

Okay, it sounds more confusing than it really is, just lay it out correctly and pick it up a unit at a time and sew! To get another method of making this block, check out www.quilterscache.com

Finger press after each step to avoid stretching the bias edges. When you complete your block, press your seams toward the darker fabric so that it all goes together nicely. Square up your blocks to 6 1/2" by trimming the sides of the large birds (autumn color triangle.) Can't wait to see them! These babies will be flying to someone's home somewhere in the Spokane Valley!

As always, if you have any questions, just call Lynda Burns at 927-0848 or email me at lynda.burns@yahoo.com.



Remember to start locating those orphan blocks for the December Block Exchange. They'll look terrific in a charity quilt, you'll be unloading a UFO--everybody wins!