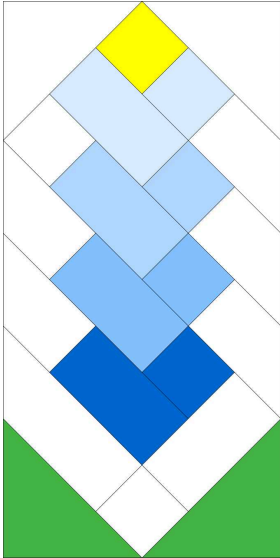


## SQG BOM - BLOCK #3 (&4)

There are 44 forest preserves in Winnebago County! We will honor that luxury by making two Virginia Bluebonnets Blocks!



- This month we will make two blocks
- They will finish at 9"X18"
- I made the sketch at left on Electric Quilt 8 computer program
- My math-teacher brother helped me with the math
- This one is more challenging, but you can do it
- I did many practice ones

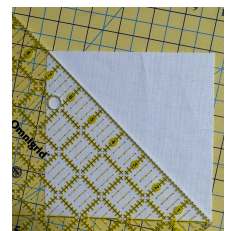
### **FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:**

- You will need 6 different fabrics
  - Yellow (or red or orange) for flower center (one - 6" square)
  - 4 Blue shades, ranging light to dark (two - 6" squares of each shade)
  - Green (for leaves and stem) - (one 6 ½" square)
  - Background, color of your choice (¼ yard)

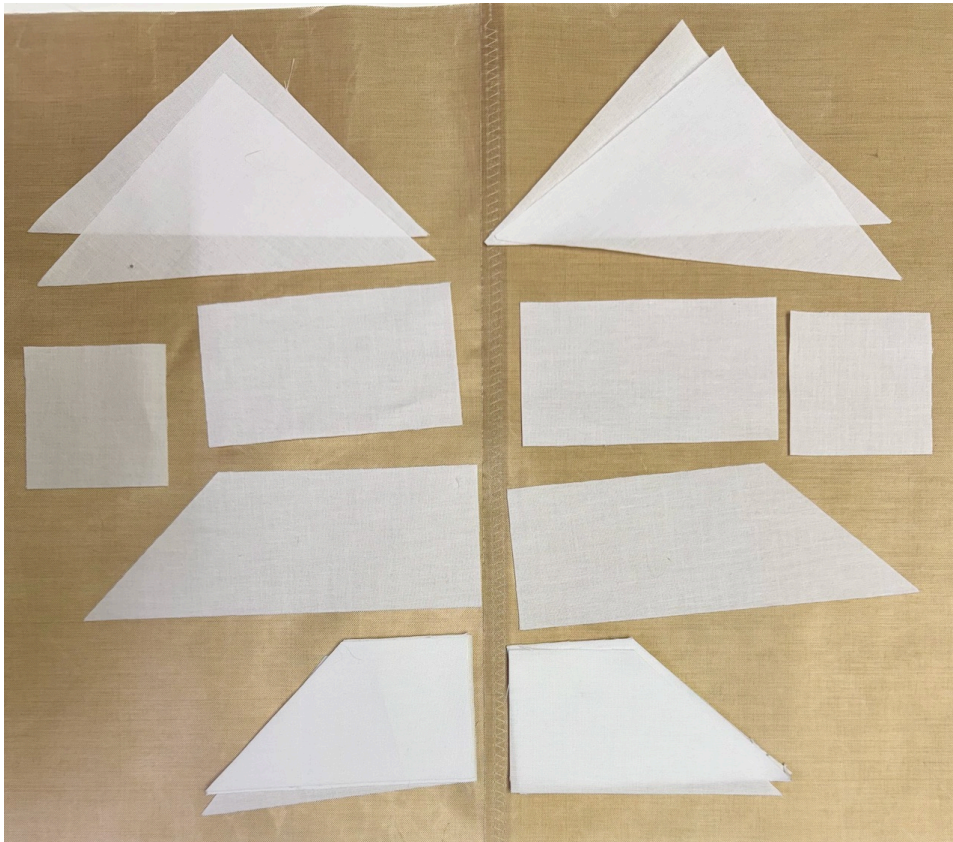
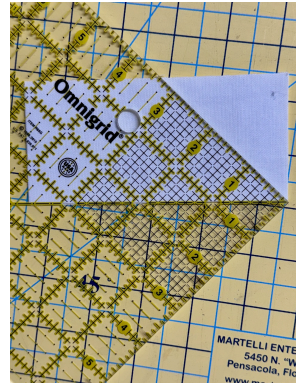
### **CUTTING BACKGROUND FABRIC:**

FROM ¼ YARD OF FABRIC:

- First cut one 2 ⅝" strip, and one 5 ⅜" strip
- From 5 ⅜" strip:
  - Cut two 5 ⅜" squares by making one cut at the end of the folded strip
    - Cut 5 ⅜" squares diagonally to make 4 half square triangles
      - (2 for each block)



- Then cut the remaining  $5 \frac{3}{8}$ " strip into two  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " strips
- Cut four  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " squares (2 for each block)
- Cut two rectangles,  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " X  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " (1 for each block)
- Cut ten rectangles,  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " X 5
  - Using the 90 degree line on your ruler, cut diagonally on one end of the ten rectangles, cutting off a triangle
- Cut two rectangles,  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " X  $7 \frac{3}{8}$ " (1 for each block)
  - Using the 90 degree line on your ruler, cut diagonally on one end of the two rectangles



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### **CUTTING BLUEBONNET FABRIC:**

THE FLOWER Center (yellow, orange, or red):

Cut two  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " squares (1 for each block)

FLOWER PETALS: *Use same cutting instructions for each color of petals)*

Cut two rectangles  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " X  $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " (1 for each block)



Cut two  $2\frac{5}{8}$ " squares (1 for each block)

## LEAVES:

Cut two  $5\frac{3}{8}$ " squares

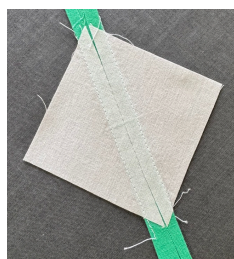
- Cut them diagonally to make 4 half square triangles (2 for each block)
- Cut two 1" X 5" rectangle (1 for each block)



## PIECING INSTRUCTIONS:

### THE STEM

- Take one of your background squares ( $2\frac{5}{8}$ "
- Cut diagonally in half
- Fold triangles in half and make a crease
- Fold the 1" X 5" green stem piece in half and crease
- Matching crease lines, sew a triangle to each side of the stem, right sides together. (I pressed seam toward the stem)
- Trim ends of green by squaring up the block ( $2\frac{5}{8}$ "





## PIECING INSTRUCTIONS:

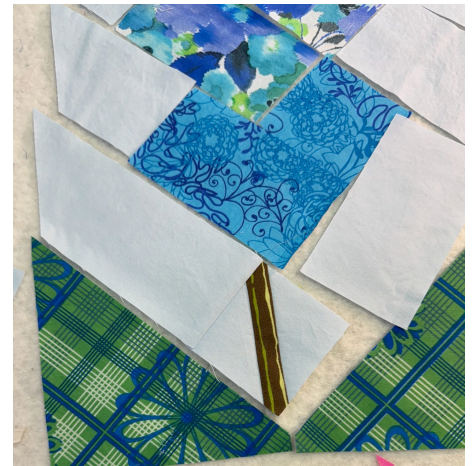
Now that you have your stem pieced, lay out your pieces for the block in the way shown at the right.

This will be pieced in two separate sections.



Take your stem unit and fold the Stem piece over on top of the left hand background unit.

Just be sure to have the stem facing the correct direction! LOL!



Sew, and press seam towards the background. As you move up the block, always press towards the darkest color in each strip.



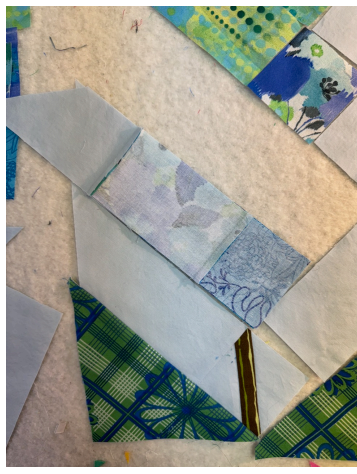
Next you will take the bottom left hand leaf, and fold it up.

Note: the triangle tip should stick out about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides (my tip on one end is trimmed)

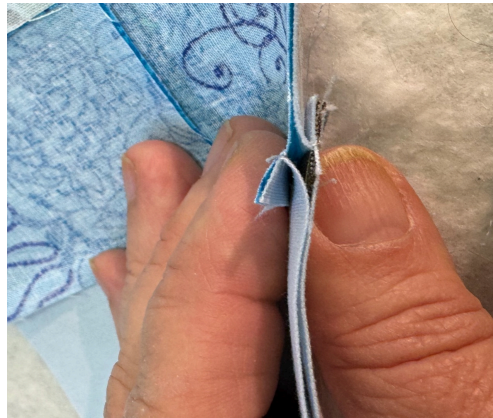
Stitch, press towards triangle



Next, sew each strip, completing one strip at a time, as shown...







Nest the seam where the stem block meets the

bottom of the first flower.

Fold up final leaf & stitch.



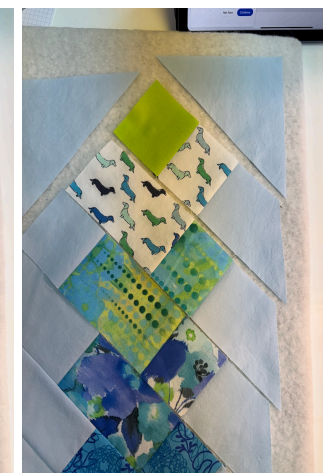
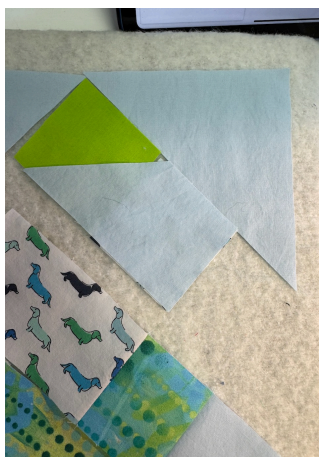
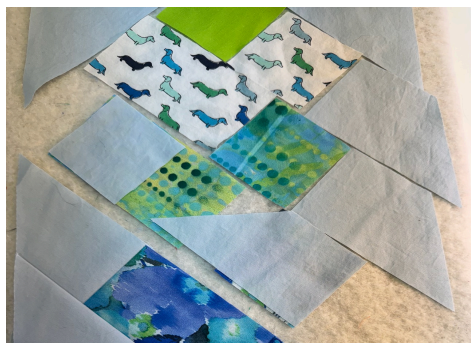
At this point, the bottom half of your block is finished!

As you move up, complete the row. Finishing each row before moving on to the next one, protects you from getting pieces mixed up.

Ask me how I know!



Following is the sequence of sewing  
each row...







This is the final seam! Remember to nest the seams that match up!

After pressing, trim your block to 9 1/2" X 18 1/2".

Make two blocks.



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