



## From Cupboard to Creativity Project

Jan 2022 - Blocks that link with secondary patterns

Block this month: Variation on Honey Bee Block

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the new challenge for this year of 2022. I have chosen to do a different block each month and in choosing the blocks I will be looking for those that when placed together in a quilt centre, they create secondary patterns at the corners where they meet.

When I was doing my tidying I came across a photo of a quilt I made for my husband's great niece, and although it is not the Honeybee block it is similar, so I am calling mine a variation of the Honeybee block.

The traditional format is a nine patch in the centre, mine was 16 patches (4x4) The traditional Honey bee also has the rounded shape on the corners as shown in these diagrams, and would have sharper points as the wings.

For the series this year, I am leaving it up to you if you want to make a full quilt with each block, or would rather stay with the row by row format, or maybe you need a border on a quilt, or co-ordinate all your blocks and make a sampler quilt from them — that is all fine, my main objective is to use what is in my cupboards, and to have some fun.



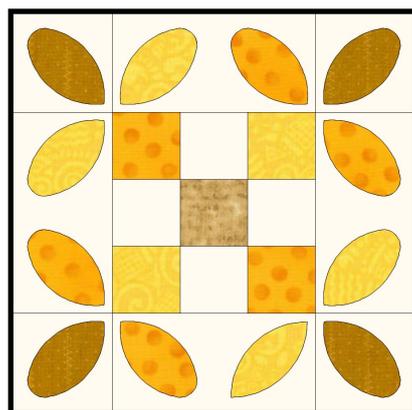
### To make the Traditional Honeybee block

Choose one of the 3 sizes as a 6" {9"} (12")

1. For the nine patches CUT squares  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (2")  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. For the side border fabrics CUT 2 pieces  
 $2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$  { $2\frac{3}{4}" \times 5"$ } ( $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ )

If using a corner square as shown in the diagram, you will need 4 side cut the same and CUT the square  
 $2" \{2\frac{3}{4}"\}$  ( $3\frac{1}{2}"$ )

3. If you prefer not to have a corner square, cut the top and bottom borders  
( $2" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ ) { $2\frac{3}{4}" \times 9\frac{1}{2}"$ } ( $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$ )



The instructions for the Variation Honey Bee block and the applique diagrams see next page.

For the **Variation Block** and for easy cutting sizes you could make

Finished blocks 6" {8"} (12")

1. For the squares in the centre CUT the squares

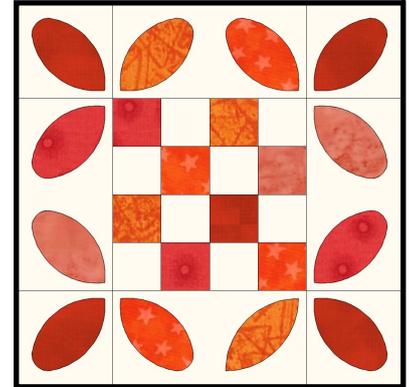
$1\frac{1}{4}"$  { $1\frac{1}{2}"$ } (2")

2. For the borders CUT the sides

$2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$  { $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$ } ( $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$ )

If using a corner square you will need 4 sides the same and for the corner square cut  $2" \{2\frac{1}{2}"\}$  ( $3\frac{1}{2}"$ )

3. If not using the corner square, the top and bottom borders would be CUT  $2" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$  { $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$ } ( $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 12\frac{1}{2}"$ )



Choose which shape you would prefer for your applique ( could be a mixture)

These sizes suit the 12" block size.

For the 6" block copy at 50%

For the 8" size copy at 66%

For 9" block copy at 75%

