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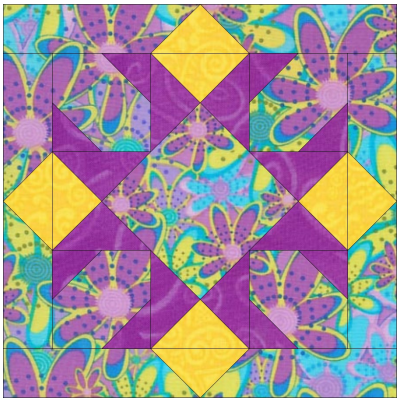
Sept 2026

Springtime



Hi Everyone,

Spring is now here, the weather is warming up quickly, so I hope that means more time for creating and quilting for everyone.

This month I have decided to give you a block design from my favourite Jinny Beyer book called Springtime.

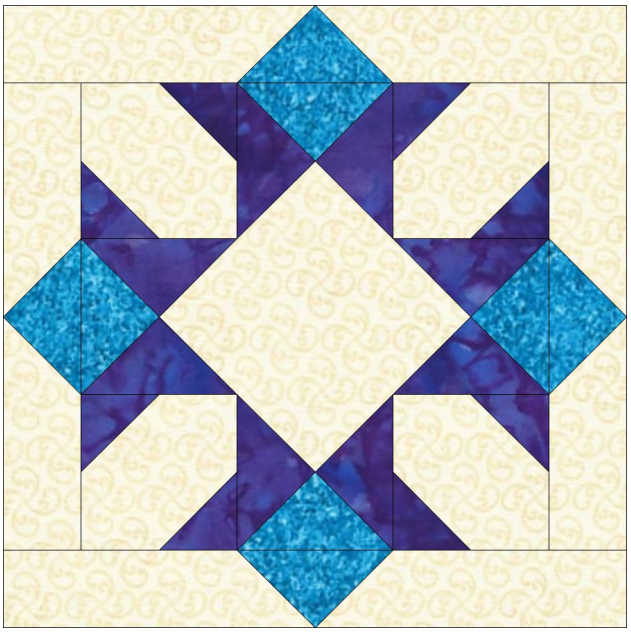
I am suggesting a 16" finished block that can be a cushion, quilt centre, or repeat for a larger bed quilt, or you can reduce to an 8" block if that suits your ideas.

I have a couple of printed backgrounds and the plainer one — play with your colours to suit you.

For the 16" block you will:

Background fabric (cream) need to cut:

1. four 4½" squares
2. Four rectangles 8½" x 2½"
3. Four rectangles 6½" x 2½"
4. Centre square cut 6 $^{3}/_{16}$" This is between ⅛" & ¼" & needs to be accurate for the block to fit together correctly with correct ¼" seams



Dark Blue Fabric you will need to cut:

1. 8 squares of 2½"
2. 2 squares of 5¼" cut on both diagonals

Aqua Fabric you will need to cut:

1. 4 rectangles 2½" x 4½"
2. 1 square 5¼" cut on both diagonals

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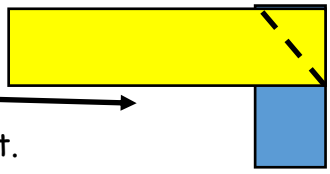
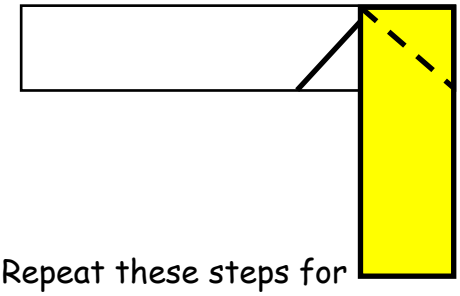
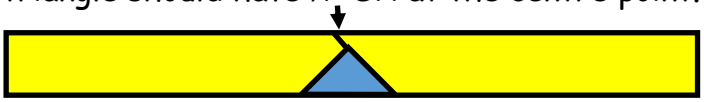
To make the block:

1. Draw one diagonal on the wrong side of each of the 2½" dark blue squares.
2. Take the 4½" cream squares, place a dark blue square rights sides together with the corners matching — sew on the diagonal line, press out to the corner to check it matches the 4½" square, then trim away excess underneath leaving ¼" seam allowance.
3. Place another dark blue square on the opposite corner and repeat the process.
4. Make another three units the same.
5. Take the Aqua rectangle and an 8½" rectangle of cream, place at right angles on one end & draw in the diagonal as shown in the diagram, then sew on the diagonal, trim to ¼" SA & press out.

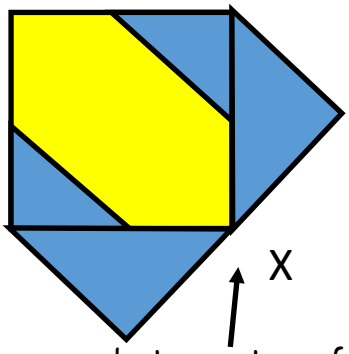




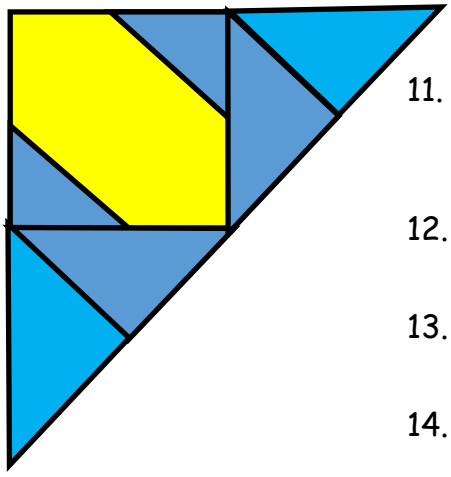
6. Take a second 8½" rectangle of cream and place across the other end of the aqua rectangle as shown in diagram—mark in the diagonal then sew on the line, trim to ¼" SA & press out.
7. This unit should now measure 16½" x 2½" & the triangle should have ¼" SA at the centre point.



8. Repeat these steps for the other two 8½" cream rectangles and the 2 more sets using the 6½" rectangles.
9. On 4 of the squares from steps 2-4, sew the long side of a dark blue triangle on 2 sides as shown in the diagram.



10. On 2 of these units sew the Aqua triangle as shown below



11. Sew the centre cream square between two of the units above, along the side marked above by X.
12. Now join the sections from steps 10 & 11 to complete the centre.
13. Add the shorter border to opposite sides, then complete the block with the longer sections.
14. Create a project with your new block.

Have Fun Jan P