## A Quilting Life Block of the Month 2018: May: Choice

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## Cutting:

| May: Flight | $\mathbf{6 1 / 4 \prime \prime}$ Block | $\mathbf{1 2} \mathbf{1 / 2 " \prime}$ Block |
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| Contrast Fabric A (for variety use <br> a different fabric for the center <br> square) | (5) squares $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | (5) squares $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Fabric B (for variety use four <br> different prints here-1 large <br> and 1 small square from each) | (4) squares $21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ <br> (4) squares $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | (4) squares $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ <br> (4) squares $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Background | (4) $21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ <br> (8) $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | (4) $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ <br> (8) $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ |

Note: Directions are given for the $121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ block with $61 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ block measurement information in parenthesis.

## Make the half square triangle units:

Note: Pressing the half-square triangle seams open rather than to the darker fabric helps eliminate bulk in this block.

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each background square $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}\left(21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$. Place background square right sides together with a $31 / 2^{\prime \prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}\left(21 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$ print square. Sew $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ away from either side of the line.
2. Cut on the drawn line to make two half square triangle units and press seams open. Trim to measure $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\left(13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 13 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$. Make 8 half-square triangles. For more information on making half-square triangles, see the tutorial here: http://www.aquiltinglife.com/2014/01/half-square-triangle-tutorial.html
3. Arrange squares and half-square triangles as shown in block diagram. Sew together in five rows of five blocks each.

