

BlockS of the Month –

Country Wife Variation - November #1 -

1. Cut 1 - 4 1/2" square of medium light pink.
2. Cut 1 - 5 1/4" squares of white background and dark pink.
Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the back of dark pink fabric.

3. Cut 4 - 2 7/8" squares of white background and 8 - 2 7/8" squares of medium green.
Draw a diagonal line on the back of each white square and 4 of the medium green squares.

4. Cut 2 - 4 7/8" squares of dark green and cut each square into 2 half-square triangles along a diagonal.

5. Cut the dark pink square from step 2 into quarter-square triangles starting with the unmarked diagonal. Sew one triangle to either side of light pink square, after marking match point by folding the square and triangle in half and finger pressing a crease in each. Press toward the dark pink. Repeat with the two remaining dark pink triangles to form a square.

6. Repeat step 5 using the dark green triangles and press to the dark green.

7. Place two medium green squares on the 5 1/4" white, right sides together, each aligning drawn lines as shown.

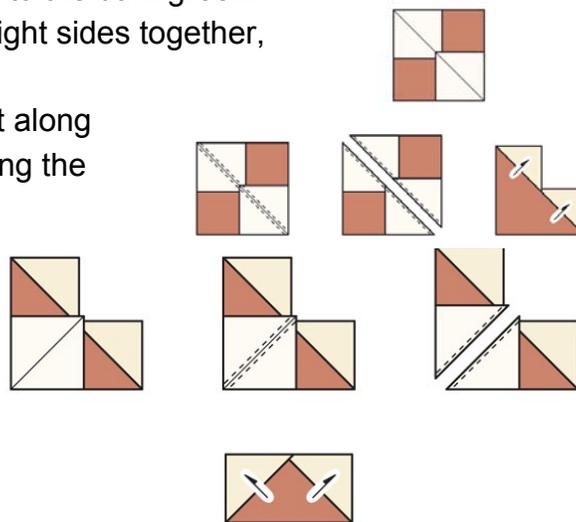
8. Sew across squares 1/4" on either side of the lines. Cut along drawn line and press away the from the green. Cut along the drawn line to give two heart patches.

9. Align the remaining medium green squares on each 'heart patch' as shown. Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn line and cut along drawn line. Press away from white and trim dog-ears.

10. Make pairs of medium green and white squares from step 3, right sides together, and sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn diagonal on the white square. Cut along drawn diagonal and press toward medium green.

11. Sew the half-square triangle patches from step 10 to either side of the flying geese patch from steps 6-9. Sew one of the resulting strips to either side of the square from step 6.

12. Sew the white squares to each end of the remaining to strips and sew the strips to the remaining side of the step 6 square to finish the block.



Star Puzzle - November #2

1. Cut 3 7/8" squares as follows:
 - 2 - dark green A
 - 2 - dark green B
 - 2 - light pink A
 - 2 - light pink B
 - 2 - dark purple
 - 6 - white
2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the white patches and the pair of the light pink B patches.
3. Pair right sides together the following
 - dark green A and white
 - light pink A and white
 - dark purple and white
 - light pink B and dark green B
4. Sew each pair 1/4" away from and both sides of the drawn line
5. Cut along the drawn line and press the seam allowance toward the darker fabric.
6. Sew the resulting half-square triangles together to form the 4x4 block shown in the photograph.



Note: This block is made up entirely of half-square triangle patches. The use of two dark green and two light pink fabrics, or a single fabric of each dark green and light pink, is completely up to you.

Block of the Month 2016

The Block of the Month for 2016 will be comprised of a different, seasonal 12"-finished machine appliqué block for each month. Each kit will contain a 12 ½" background square and the precut shapes to make the block. All shapes will cut using AccuQuilt dies and will have WonderUnder pre-fused to the shapes. Additional embellishment is left to your creativity!

The cost of each kit is \$4 each, but kits will be pre-ordered in 6 month increments. The prepayment required for the first 6 months will be \$24 and is due by December 1. There will be a second prepayment of \$24 in May 2016 for the July - December 2016 blocks.

The number of participants will be limited to 50.

There will NOT be a raffle of these blocks. Anyone who brings a finished block to be shown at the next meeting, will be entered into a drawing for prizes to be held at the December, 2016 meeting.

The first block will be the January block, and the kits will be distributed at the December meeting to those who signed up and **pre-paid for 6 blocks by December 1st**. As an added incentive, there will be a small prize at January meeting drawn from the tickets for finished January blocks (December distribution).

Samples of the January blocks are shown below. The kits distributed in December will contain everything to make the left side block. The block on the right is quilted, bound, embellished with eyes and snowflake buttons, and hung on a small quilt stand.

Before...	After!
	
<p>Shown with Kit Contents Embellishment is up to you!</p>	<p>Completed Quilt from Kit - Quilted, bound, decorated with eye beads and snowflake buttons, and hung on a small quilt stand.</p>