Block of the Month – August
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Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. If 24+ are entered, the drawing will be split in two. If 36+ are entered, there will be three winners!
For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will be for 12” blocks (12 ½” unfinished). You may want to make an extra block in your favorite colors for a sampler.

Sunshine

Fabric:
Background / center – white or white-on-white
Center triangles – light shade of yellow, yellow batik, or tone-on-tone yellow
Points – dark yellow or orange batik, or tone-on-tone

Cutting:
A: (4) 2 ½” white squares for corners
B: (8) 3” white squares to make 16 half-square triangle patches
C: (1) 6 1/8” white square for center
D: (8) 3” dark squares to make 16 half-square triangle patches
E: (2) 4 7/8” light squares cut once diagonally

Directions:
1. Set aside A pieces.
2. Assemble 16 half-square triangle patches. Put together one 3” white square RST with one 3” dark yellow square. Draw a line diagonally on the wrong side of the white square. Sew scant 1/4” on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Repeat with remaining 3” squares. Press open, pressing the seam allowance on four of the half-square triangle patches the opposite direction from the others.
3. Trim each half-square triangle to 2 1/2” square. This step is important! It will help make your final assembly go together correctly.
4. Sew one triangle of the lighter yellow RST along one edge of the 6 1/8” white square. Sew a second triangle to the opposite side of the square. Open triangles and press. Sew the third and fourth triangles to the remaining sides of the white square. Open triangles and press. Measure this center piece and make sure it's 8 1/2” square before proceeding.
5. Assemble four strips of half-square triangle patches making a "flying geese"-like center flanked by a half-square triangle on each side. (Refer to photo for proper alignment). Press. Attach two of these strips to opposite sides of the center square.
6. To the remaining two strips, attach a white 2 1/2” square to each end of each strip. Press. Add one strip to each of the remaining sides of the center square.

If you pay attention to sewing consistent 1/4” seams, you should end up with a block the right size (12 1/2” unfinished). This block is a good one to make to discipline yourself to make consistent 1/4” seams, matching points, and pressing seams so they fit together smoothly. It leaves you with a beautiful block and, when assembled, will leave great space for beautiful quilting.