BOM (Block of the Month) April 2012

KITE

**Fabric:** Light blue fabric (looks like sky) and four bright colors for the kite and tail.

**Cutting Directions:**
From the sky color, cut: 2 rectangles 3 ½” x 6 ½”, and 6 squares 1 ½” x 1 ½”
From each of the four brights, cut: 1 7 ½” x 7 ½” square<brorf Amanda making only one block, cut a right triangle with 5” legs from each fabric>
From any three of the brights, cut: 3 1 ½” x 1 ½” squares

**Make the kite tail:** A tiny 9-patch using 3 of the bright 1 ½” squares and 6 blue 1 ½” squares. Place the bright squares so they form a diagonal from upper left to lower right (see finished block). Set aside.

**Make the kite:** The kite is made from a two-step process resulting in two half-square triangle blocks, using all four of the bright 7 ½” squares. (This will result in four separate kite portions!)

1. **Step 1:** Place two of the bright squares right sides together; draw a line on the diagonal on one of them. Stitch ¼” on each side of the diagonal line. Cut on the line, open and press the seam to one side. You’ve got two half-square triangle blocks in two colors. Repeat with the remaining 7 ½” squares (the two remaining colors), but press the seam in the opposite direction. <if making only one block, sew two of the bright triangles together on their 5” sides, then sew the other two colors together>

2. **Step 2:** Take one half-square triangle block of each colorway, and line up their diagonal seams (seam allowances should be opposite, so the blocks fit together snugly). You might want to pin the blocks together. Draw a diagonal line perpendicular to the seam. Stitch ¼” on each side of the line. Cut apart on the line. You will end up with four “kite bodies.” <if making only one block, line up the center seams and sew the two sections together>

3. **Step 3:** Trim this to make the kite 6 ½” x 6 ½” square. Make sure to take an even amount off each side (line up your 45 degree angle on the seam in both directions).

**Assemble the kite and tail:**
Sew one 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle to the right side of the kite. Press seam to the blue. Sew the other 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle to the little nine-patch. Press seam to the blue. Sew sky/tail section to the bottom of the kite/sky section as shown.

*Now go to your favorite grassy hillside on a windy day to launch your kite! If you imagine a very windy day, the kites on your finished quilt might be flying in all directions, swooping and dipping. Or they can all fly in the same direction. If you win these blocks, your kites will be all different colors, brightening the sky.*

**BOM basics:**
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label. It’s fun for the winner of the blocks to see who made them.
- Unless you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.
- For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
- Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
- Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) or Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com).