Goose Stripes
Block of the Month – November 2016
10 ¼” unfinished
So many of you liked the 2016 MQ raffle quilt (Contemporary Amish Sampler) made by the Blue Earth Blockswappers. Many thanks to them for giving us permission to draft their designs for some of our future blocks of the month. We’ll offer all of these blocks over time, so if you wish to make your own layout of this lovely quilt, here’s your chance! Let’s get started with one made by Lissia Laehn. It appears in a corner of the original raffle quilt in two shades of aqua Kona cotton on a very pale gray background. Ours this month is in two shades of green with off-white or cream background.

Fabric Choice:
Medium-to-light green for the flying geese
A contrasting darker green for the stripes and borders
Background: tan, off-white, or cream

To make 1 block cut:
Background:
B (6) 2 ¾” x 2 ¾” squares for flying geese backgrounds
C (2) 1 ¾” x 7 ¾” rectangles for inner border sides
E (1) 1 ½” x 7 ¼” rectangle for stripe on left side (NOTE: this is a little wider than the other strips!)
F (2) 1 ¾” x 8 ¾” rectangles for inner border top and bottom
Medium-to-light green:
A (3) 2 ¾” x 4 ¾” rectangles for flying geese
Contrasting Dark green:
D (2) 1 ¾” x 7 ¼” rectangles for stripes on left side
G (2) 1 ¼” x 8 ¾” rectangles for outside border sides
H (2) 1 ¼” x 10 ¼” rectangles for outside border top and bottom

Sewing Instructions:
1. Using 1 A and 2 B for each, make three flying geese, as follows.
   Draw a line diagonally on each B square. Right sides together, place a B on right-hand side of an A rectangle, sew on diagonal line, trim off corner, press up. Repeat with the second B square on the left-hand side of the A rectangle.
2. Sew the three together to make a vertical stack of flying geese. Press seams up.
3. Sew one C background strip (for inner border) to right side of flying geese. Press seam to side.
4. Make unit C-D-E-D (notice that E is wider than the border strips). Press seams to the side.
5. Add C-D-E-D unit to the left side of the flying geese unit. Press.
6. Sew one F to the top and the other F to the bottom of the block.
7. Sew one G strip to each side of the block. Press.
8. Sew one H strip to the top and one to the bottom of the block to finish it.
9. Block should finish at 10 ¼”

BOM GUIDELINES: Each person may enter up to 3 blocks each month. Please include your name and phone number on your block(s). Make it simple: stick your mailing label on the back of each block. If you have any scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned to the block or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use in a border or for other finishing touches. If you cannot bring the blocks to the November 3rd or 5th meetings, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings. Address: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 253 State Street. St. Paul, MN 55107-1612. We’ll have a drawing at both the Thursday night and Saturday meetings if we have enough blocks. If we get only a few on Thursday night, we’ll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We’ll call to notify winners. Winning blocks can be mailed to the winner or picked up at the MQ office or at the next meeting.