Windows on the Garden
Block of the Month – August 2017
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8 ½” square (unfinished)

Use plain (or “reads-as”) dark brown fabric for the window frames; choose two different yellow/gold/orange flower prints or leaf prints that relate to each other for the view out the window. I was thinking about the sunflowers that bloom in late summer when I made this block!

For one block:
Yellow/gold/orange print 1:
   A = cut one 3 ½” x 5 ½” rectangle
Yellow/gold/orange print 2:
   B = cut one 2 ½” x 5 ½’ rectangle
Brown Frame
   C = cut one 1 ½” x 3 ½” rectangle
   D = cut one 1 ½” x 2 ½” rectangle
   E = cut one 2 ½” x 2 ½” square
   F = cut one 2 ½” x 3 ½” rectangle
   G = cut three 1 ½” x 8 ½” rectangle

Hint: Cutting your pieces from strips makes this quick to cut out.
Cut one brown 1 ½” strip x WOF and one 2 ½” strip x WOF.
From the 1 ½” x WOF strip, cut a 2 ½” rectangle, a 3 ½” rectangle, and three 8 ½” strips.
From the 2 ½” x WOF strip, cut a 2 ½” x 2 ½” square and a 2 ½” x 3 ½” rectangle. **NOTE: WOF can be the width of yardage (40”+), or even the width of a fat quarter. If using a fat quarter, cut 2 strips 1 ½” x 18” and cut your pieces: 1) 2 ½” x 1 ½”, 3 ½” x 1 ½”; 8 ½” x 1 ½”; 2) two 1 ½” x 8 ½”.

Instructions:
Sew every seam a scant ¼”.
1. If there is a right side up to your A and B prints, sew C to the top of A and F to the bottom of A. Press seams away from A.
2. Sew E to the top of B and D to the bottom of B. Press seams away from B.
   **Note:** A has the narrower brown piece at the top and the wider brown piece at the bottom. This is reversed for B, which has the wider piece at the top and the narrower piece at the bottom. This is correct, as the prints are off-set in the finished block.
3. Sew one 8 ½” G strip to the left side of C/A/F; sew another G to the left side of E/B/D.
4. Sew G/C/A/F to the left side of G/E/B/D.
5. Finally, sew the last 8 ½” strip to the right side of E/B/D. Easy? No seams to match!!
6. Press side strips toward G. Press center strip seams toward the brown strip.
7. Square block to 8 ½” x 8 ½”. You’re done! Don’t you want to make more?

BOM GUIDELINES: Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name, address, and phone number on your block(s). (Make it simple: stick your mailing label on each block’s back and add your phone number.) Consider including leftover scraps with your block (pinned to the back 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 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. If we have enough blocks, we’ll have a drawing at both the Thursday and Saturday meetings. If we get only a few blocks on Thursday, we’ll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We’ll call to notify winners. Winning blocks may be mailed, picked up during the month at the MQ office, or claimed at the next meeting.