Birds in the Air
Block of the Month – May 2017
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11 1/4” unfinished

Use spring green and white or pale green. If you are re-creating the raffle quilt, you may want to add a thicker outer border. Joan Rustad-Huisman made this in mint for the 2016 raffle quilt.

**Fabrics and cutting:**

**Green:**
1. A – 6” x 6”
2. B – 3 7/8” x 3 7/8” (for HST)
3. C – 1 3/8” x 9 3/4”
4. D – 1 3/8” x 11 1/4”

**White / pale green:**
1. E – 3 7/8” x 3 7/8” (for HST)
2. F – 1” x 8 3/4”
3. G – 1” x 9 3/4”

**Instructions:**
1. Make half-square triangles (HST) by putting B+E pieces right sides together (RST). Draw a line diagonally on the wrong side of each E square. Stitch 1/4” on each side of the line. Cut on line. Press toward the green making 2 half-square triangle blocks. (You will have six, but only need five for a single block. Consider making more!) Trim each to 3 1/4” x 3 1/4” square.
2. Sew 2 B+E squares together to go beside A (see diagram).
3. Sew 3 B+E squares together to go across the top.
4. Attach the side pieces to A, then attach the top pieces.
5. Add F strips to the bottom and top. Add G strips to the sides.
6. Square up to 9 3/4”.
7. Add C strips to top and bottom of square. Add D strips to sides of square.
8. Square up to 11 1/4”.

**BOM GUIDELINES:** Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name 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 May 4th and 6th 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. We’ll have a drawing at both the Thursday night and Saturday meeting 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. Blocks can be mailed to the winner or picked up at the MQ office or at the next meeting.