Greek Cross - Block of the Month
April 2018 (botm@mnquilt.org) 10 ½” square (unfinished)

Karen Hamilton made this block using “sky” colors for the 2016 MQ Raffle Quilt. You may use whatever dark and light color family you want.

Fabrics:
Background: white-on-white
Cross, corners, and border: two shades of the same color, one dark and one medium-light.

Cutting directions:
Dark shade of your chosen color:
A: 1 square 3” x 3”
B: 4 rectangles 1 ¼” x 3”
H: 2 strips 1 ¼” x 9”
I: 2 strips 1 ¼” x 10 ½”

White-on-white (background):
C: 4 rectangles 1 ¼” x 3”
D: 2 squares 3 ½” x 3 ½”
F: 2 strips 1” x 8”
G: 2 strips 1” x 9”

Medium-light shade of your chosen color:
E: 2 squares 3 ½” x 3 ½”

Assembly directions:
1. Make 4 HSTs using one white-on-white 3 ½” square (D) and one of the light shade 3 ½” square (E) for each set. (If you haven’t made Half Square Triangles before, Google it.) Cut apart on the diagonal line. Press open toward the darker side. Trim to 3” square. Set aside.
2. Pair each white-on-white C rectangle with a dark shade B rectangle. Sew together each pair to make a 3” x 3” square. Press. You should have (4) 3” squares. If they are a little too big, trim them. Set aside.
3. Make a nine-patch block, referring to the diagram for proper placement of colors. Row 1: E/D+ C/B + D/E. Row 2: C/B + A + B/C. Row 3: E/D + B/C + D/E. Sew the 3 rows together into a nine-patch block. Again, pay attention to the correct placement of the colors. The light color HST’s should be in each corner, and the white-on-white rectangles should be on the outside of the block. Pieces A + 4B’s should form a cross. Press. Trim to 8” square.
4. Attach an F strip (white-on-white) to 2 opposite sides of the center square. Press. Then add G strips to the top and bottom of the center square. Press. Block should be 9” square.
5. Add dark strips H to sides of the block. Press. Add dark strips I to top and bottom of block. Press. Block should measure 10 ½” square.

BOM GUIDELINES: Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name, address, and phone number on your block(s). (You can 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, mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive. 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.