Origami Fun
Block of the Month – January 2018
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10” finished block

Fabric and Cutting:
White (background):
(8) 3” x 3” squares
(4) 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangles
White on Black (W&B)
(4) 3” x 3” squares
Black on White (B&W)
(4) 3” x 3” squares
Red-A (center block)
(1) 2 ½” x 2 ½” square
Red-B (center flaps)
(4) 3” x 3” squares

Directions:
1. Make 4 half square triangle blocks (HST) using one white square and one W&B square for each. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each white 3” square, sew 1/4 “ on each side of that line, cut along the drawn line, press, and trim to 2 ½” x 2 ½” square. You’ll have (8) 2 ½” HSTs.
2. Similarly, make 4 HST using one white square and one B&W square for each. After cutting and trimming, you’ll have (8) 2 ½” HSTs.
3. Fold each Red-B 3” x 3” square wrong sides together in half diagonally, then in half again, so you have a small triangle (a Prairie Point).
4. Right sides together, and with the fold on the left, place the raw edge of one Prairie Point on the raw edge of the short end of one white 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangle. Baste the two layers together. The triangle point will point toward the other end of the rectangle. The bottom 2 triangle points will stick out about ¼” to the sides. Make 4 of these units.
5. Make a corner 4-patch unit by alternating B&W and W&B HSTs units. Repeat for 3 more corner units. Sew one corner unit to one side of the white 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangle with the Prairie Point on the end. Attach a second corner unit to the other side of the rectangle. Set aside. Make one more unit this way.
6. Sew the Red-A square to one of the rectangle/Prairie Point units and then to another on the opposite side.
7. Sew one unit from Step 4 to the unit you just constructed in Step 6. Then do the same on the other side of the block, leaving the red square surrounded by Prairie Points in the very center.
8. Pick up the point of the Prairie Point, then press down so that the fold of the Prairie Point is on top of the seam. Press in place. Repeat for the other three Prairie Points. All should be oriented in the same direction.
9. Press block. Trim to 10 ½” if necessary.

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.