Bladed Fan
Block of the Month – March 2018
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12 ½” square (unfinished)

FABRIC CHOICE: Choose white or white-on-white background plus a medium / dark shade of a color and a lighter shade of the same color. I’ve used purple and lilac.

CUTTING DIRECTIONS:
White (background): 2 squares 5” x 5”
2 squares 3” x 3”
4 rectangles 2½” x 4½”
Medium/dark color: 2 squares 5” x 5”
2 squares 3” x 3”
Lighter color: 4 rectangles 2½” x 4½”

ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS:
1. Using scant ¼” seams, make four HSTs (half-square triangles) using one white and one medium 5” square for each pair. See directions for How to Make Half Square Triangles in previous MQ newsletters—at mnquilt.org, on-line, or in your favorite quilt-making book. Press seam toward color. Trim each to 4½” x 4½”. Set aside.
2. Repeat to make four HSTs using one white and one medium 3” square for each pair. Press seam toward color. Trim each to 2½” x 2½”. Set aside.
3. Sew one white and one light color rectangle together along the long side. Make four “rectangle-squares.” These measure 4½” x 4½”. Press toward color. Set aside.
4. Assemble center block. Sew the four 2½” x 2½” square blocks together to make a small pinwheel. See diagram this page. Press seams open to avoid too much bulk. Check to make sure this center block measures 4½” x 4½”. If not, trim to size.
5. Assemble rows:
 ROW 1: Take one dark HST block and sew it to the color side of one rectangle-square. Then add another HST. NOTE direction change of the HSTs in each corner position, and the color bar of the rectangle-square on the left.
 ROW 2: Take one rectangle-square, add center pinwheel square, and then add a second rectangle-square. Note color bar is down on the left and up on the right. Sew Row 1 to Row 2.
 ROW 3: Take one dark HST block and sew it to the white side of the last rectangle-square. Then add another HST. Again, NOTE the direction change of the HSTs in each corner and the color bar on the right of the rectangle-square. Add Row 3 to the bottom of the assembled Rows 1 and 2. Block should measure 12 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). (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.