“Shoo Fly” - Block of the Month
May 2018 (botm@mnquilt.org) 11 ½” square (unfinished)

**Fabrics:**
Choose a colorful all-over flowered fabric for the Fly and a cream fabric for the background.

**Cutting directions:**

**Flowered Fabric:**
- A: 1 2” x 2” square (You may fussy-cut this if there’s a dominant flower in your fabric.)
- D: 4 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares
- G: 2 1 ¼” x 9” strips for 2nd border
- H: 2 1 ¼” x 10 ½” strips for 2nd border

**Cream (background):**
- B: 4 2” x 3 ½” rectangles
- C: 4 3 ½” x 3 ½” squares
- E: 2 1” x 8” strips for first border
- F: 2 1” x 9” strips for first border
- I: 2 1” x 10 ½” strips for outer border
- J: 2 1” x 11 ½” strips for outer border

**Assembly directions:**
1. On each D (2 ½” flowered square) draw one line diagonally on the wrong side. RST place a D square on one corner of a C 3 ½” square with the ends of the diagonal line touching the sides of C. Sew on the line.
2. Trim off the corner of D and C leaving a ¼” seam allowance. Press D down to fill the empty corner of C, returning it to a 3 1 2/” square. Repeat for remaining C and D squares.
3. Sew one C/D square to a B rectangle. Add a D/C to the other side of B. Press seams toward B. Repeat with the remaining two C/D, B, and D/C pieces.
4. Sew the short side of B to the left side of A; add the other B to the right side. Press seams toward B.
5. Assemble center of block. Sew C/D+B+D/C strip to the B+A+B strip. Then sew the other C/D+B+D/C strip to the other side of B+A+B. Press seams to one side. Center section should measure 8” x 8”. Trim if needed.
6. Attach borders. Border 1: Sew an E to the top and bottom of the center square. Press border outward. Sew on Border strips F to each side of center square. Border 2: Attach G (flowered fabric) to the top and bottom of the growing square. Sew one H to each side. Finally, sew I strips to the top and bottom of the center square. And sew J strips onto each side. Block should measure 11 ½”.

**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. We’ll have a drawing for the blocks at the Saturday meeting. Winners will be notified by phone if not present. Winning blocks may be mailed, picked up during the month at the MQ office, or claimed at the next meeting.