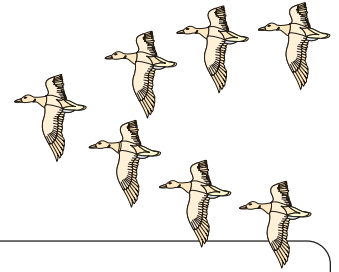


January Block-of-the-Month



2007 Block of the Month "The Santa Barbara Connection"

We welcome you to the 2007 Block of the Month (BOM). This year all the blocks will have a connection to Santa Barbara. Make an extra block for yourself and make a Santa Barbara sampler quilt at the end of the year. The blocks will be of varying sizes and utilize multiple techniques including piecing, paper piecing and appliqué. Each month on our B.O.M. display we will also present interesting facts about the block and its Santa Barbara Connection. Be sure to stop by!

January's block is a variation on Flying Geese which we have called "Birds in the Air over Santa Barbara".

We hope you will enjoy this year's blocks as much as we do.

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BOM co-chairs

Birds in the Air over Santa Barbara

The following instructions will make 2 completed blocks – one for the drawing, and one to keep for yourself to create a Santa Barbara quilt over the course of a year.

Use Medium Blue for the large half of the block

Cut 6 squares – 3 1/2"

Cut 3 squares – 4" (to pair with background fabric for half-squares triangles)

Use White, white on white, or off-white for background

Cut 6 squares – 4"

Use 3 different "Jewel tones" for the "birds."

Cut 2 each of 3 colors – 4" squares

Mark a diagonal line through the center of the back of the white fabric squares. Match these with the other 4" squares and place right sides together. Stitch 1/4" from each side of the diagonal center line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Press toward the darker fabric. Trim the blocks accurately to 3 1/2" squares.

Lay out the pieced segments and the 3 1/2" squares according to the picture of the block. Stitch each row of blocks together, pressing the seams of the center row the opposite direction of the top and bottom rows. Then sew the rows together to form a 9 1/2" block (9" completed.)

