2026–2027 Block of the Month

NBQA BOM • October, November & December 2026

Hello, Quilting Friends!

Welcome to our Block of the Month (BOM) program! Whether you sew on your own or gather with quilty friends, we hope you enjoy practicing new skills and seeing each block come together.

How our BOM works

- Participation is optional—but having fun is required!
- Make as many blocks as you wish. Each completed block earns one ticket for that month's block drawing.
- October blocks may be submitted through the November drawing because of our late start. October and November drawings are separate.
- If you when the blocks, they're yours to create as you like. Please consider sharing your finished quilt.
- Use a consistent ¼-inch seam allowance for all three projects.

Below are the instructions, original diagrams, and full sample photographs for each month.

October • Half-Square Triangles

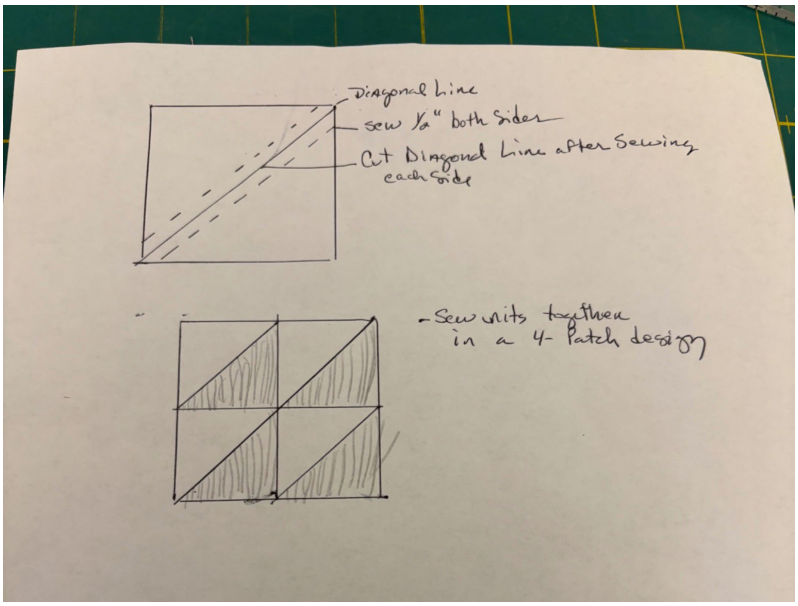
Drawing: November (extended deadline for the October blocks). Finished block: 8½ × 8½ inches, as stated in the original instructions.

Fabric and construction

- Choose four 5-inch charm squares: two light, low-volume prints and two darker prints.
- Place a light and dark square right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light square.
- Sew ¼ inch on each side of the drawn line; cut along the drawn line to create two half-square triangle (HST) units. Repeat with the second pair.
- Arrange four HST units into a 2 × 2 four-patch and sew together. For four different dark prints, make additional HST units using other dark fabrics.

Note: The original instructions describe 4½-inch HST units and an 8½-inch block; check your unit sizing and trimming before assembly.





October sample: warm cream and assorted print half-square triangles

November • Blue and Cream Double Nine-Patch

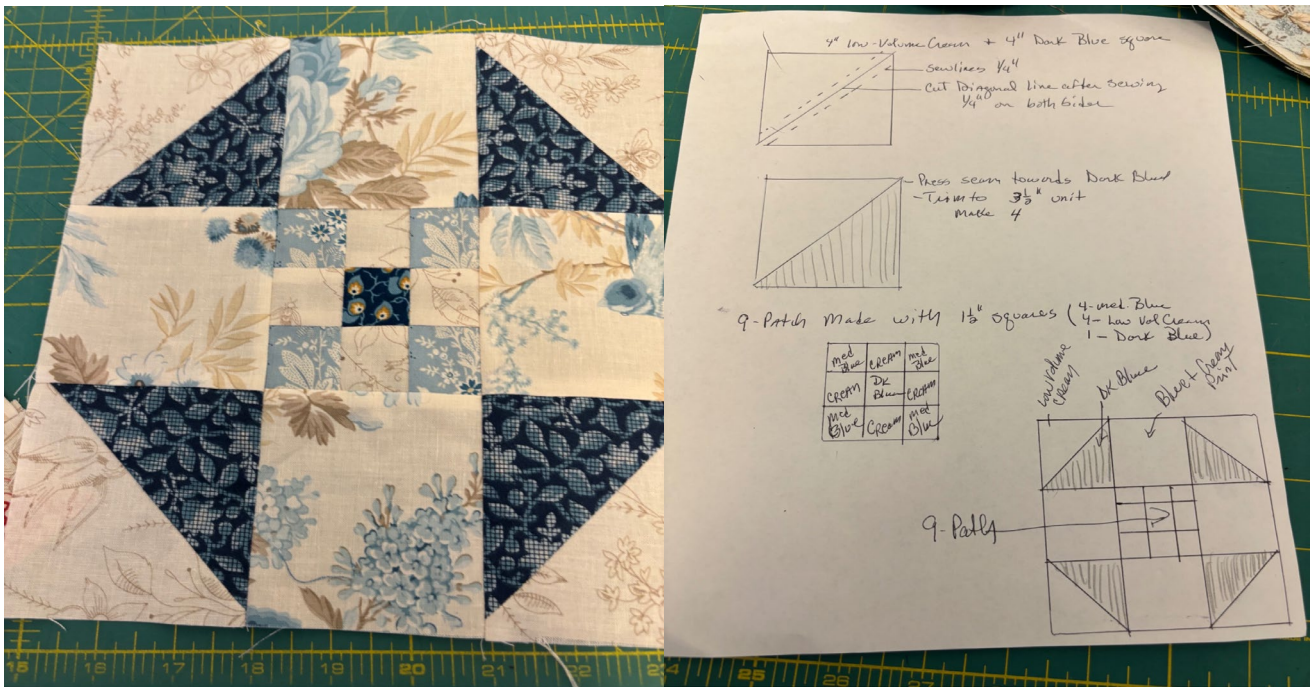
Drawing: November. Original stated finished block size: 9½ × 9½ inches.

Prepare the units

- Make four HST units using two 4-inch low-volume cream squares and two 4-inch dark blue squares. Sew as in October, press toward dark blue, and trim to 3½ inches.
- Cut four 3½-inch blue-and-cream print squares for the side positions.
- For the center nine-patch, cut four 1½-inch medium-blue squares, four 1½-inch cream squares, and one 1½-inch dark-blue square.
- Arrange the center nine-patch with medium blue in the four corners, cream on the four sides, and dark blue in the center. Sew rows and press seams in opposite directions for nesting.

Assemble the block

- Place an HST at each outside corner, with the dark blue triangles pointing toward the center.
- Place the center nine-patch in the middle and the four blue-and-cream squares in the remaining positions.
- Sew the top and bottom rows, pressing toward the center. Sew the middle row, pressing away from the nine-patch; join all three rows.



November sample: completed blue-and-cream double nine-patch block

December • Tumbling Spools

Drawing: December. Make four spool units and arrange them in a rotating four-patch. Original stated block measurement: 12½ × 12½ inches.

Cutting list

- Reds: eight 2 × 3½-inch strips (two from each of four red prints), plus eight 2⅜-inch squares cut diagonally into 16 triangles.
- Greens: twelve 1½ × 3½-inch strips (four each from three different green prints).
- Cream: use one low-volume cream print; cut eight 2⅜-inch squares diagonally into 16 triangles, plus eight 2 × 3½-inch strips.

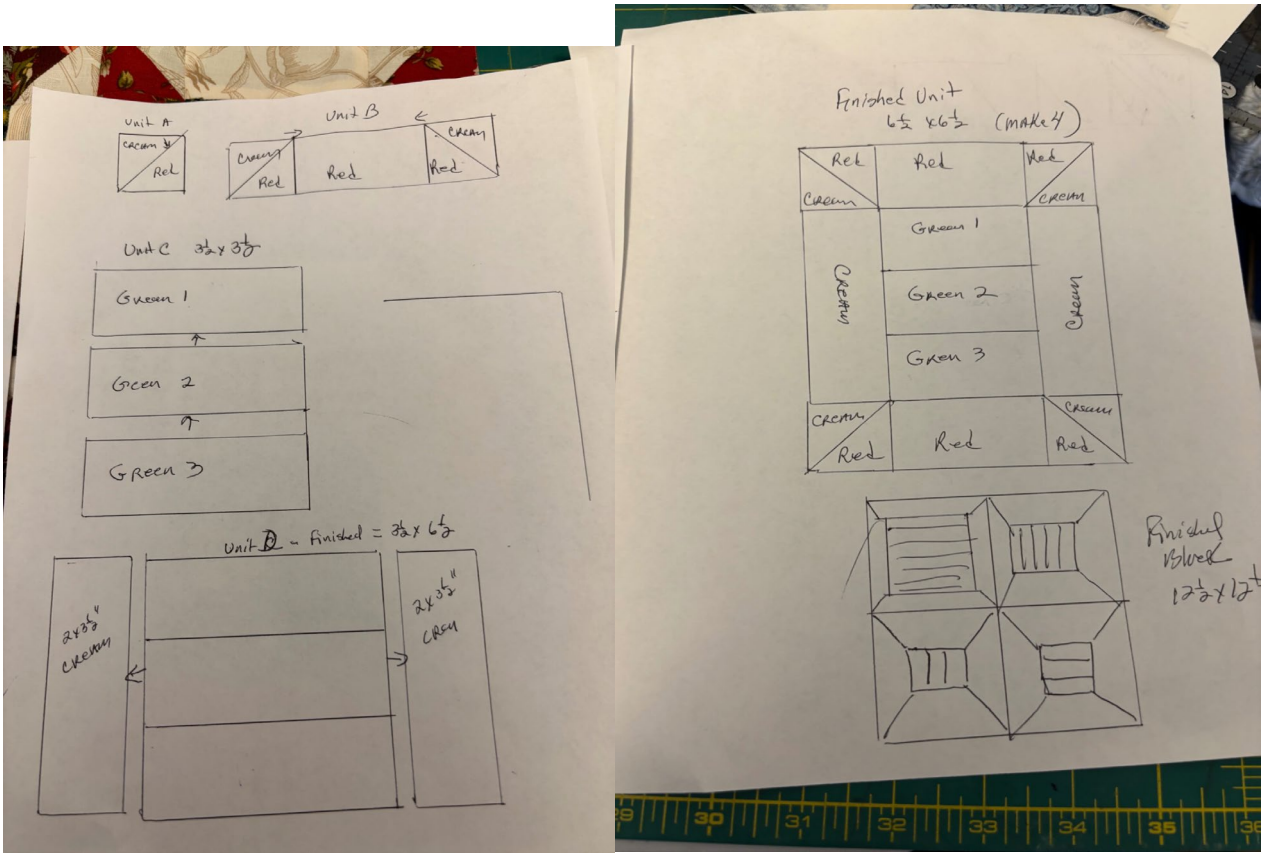
Construct four spools

- Unit A: Sew red and cream triangles together to make 16 HST units; the original notes specify 2 × 2 inches.
- Unit B: Sew an HST to each end of a matching red 2 × 3½-inch strip to form a spool top or bottom. Make eight; press toward the red.
- Unit C: Sew three different green 1½ × 3½-inch strips together. Make four strip units.
- Unit D: Sew a cream 2 × 3½-inch strip to either side of each green strip unit. Make four centers.
- Sew one Unit B above and one below each center. Make four spool blocks, each measuring 6½ × 6½ inches according to the original notes.
- Rotate alternating spools and join into a 2 × 2 block.

Measurement check: Some handwritten dimensions and intermediate sizes differ from the typed instructions. Verify the cutting and unit sizes with a test block before cut



ting all fabrics.



December diagram: Units A, B, C and D

Happy quilting! We can't wait to see your blocks.

Warmly,
Louise