

About “Block of the Month”

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WITH SO MANY NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE GUILD IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, IT STANDS to reason that the workings of the BLOCK OF THE MONTH might be confusing to some. Therefore I think it is time to reiterate.

Every month the BLOCK OF THE MONTH page of the *Brooklyn Bee* contains instructions for two quilt blocks one for the current month and one for the following month. The members of the Guild are asked to make a quilt block from the current month’s instructions and bring it to the Guild meeting. Each participant hangs up her block and places her name into the quilt block raffle bag. The person whose name is picked wins all of that month’s blocks (usually enough blocks to make a small baby or lap quilt). It’s that easy and lots of fun.

Each year the BLOCK OF THE MONTH has a theme (this year the theme is “How Does My Garden Grow”), so if you make a block for yourself each month, along with the one you submit to the Guild, you end up with enough blocks for a sampler quilt at the end of the year. The reason that we have two month’s blocks in each issue of the Bee is to give members a head start of the next month’s block, so you do not have to rush just before the meeting to complete the current block.

And one last thing: For the November meeting, since we did not have a meeting in October, **BRING BOTH THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BLOCKS TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING, AND WE WILL HAVE TWO SEPARATE DRAWINGS—ONE FOR EACH MONTH!**

Block of the Month: How Does My Garden Grow?

November 2008: Pine Tree Block

Colors:

White, solid or small print

Dark Green Solid

Rotary Cut Pieces:

From White:

Cut three (3) $4\frac{7}{8}$ " and two (2) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From Green:

Cut three (3) $4\frac{7}{8}$ " and two (2) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Putting it together:

Step 1: Draw a diagonal line on the back of each White $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square. Place each White square on top of a Green $4\frac{7}{8}$ " square, right sides together.

Step 2: Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the diagonal line.

Step 3: Cut along the diagonal line and press the seam to the Green side. Make six (6) half square triangle units (You will only use 5).

Step 4: Sew one unit created in Step 3 to two White $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares as shown in row one of the finished block diagram.

Step 5: Sew two units created in Step 3 to one Green $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square as shown in row two of the finished block diagram.

Step 6: Sew two units created in Step 3 to one Green $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square as shown in row three of the finished block diagram.

Step 7: Sew the three rows together as shown in the finished block diagram.

Step 8: Press, trim to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

