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# PINEAPPLE PIZZAZZ

**WELCOME!** What better than a pineapple, the Hawaiian symbol of welcome, to greet you back to a new year of the Block-of-the-Month at the Brooklyn Quilters Guild. Fruits and vegetables make up our theme this year with a plan for a throw-size quilt combining all the blocks. Be sure to make a block to keep for yourself as well as for the contest! ~Robin Engleman & Joy West

## Fabrics & Cutting

**Pieced Pineapple - 8 1/2" by 16 1/2"**

### Colors:

**Pineapple Base-** yellow, gold, tan (may be scrappy)

**Leaves-** various shades of green (scrappy), light and dark as shown, or all one green

**Background-** neutral (One 2 1/2" strip of yardage will make one block. If you plan to use the same fabric for all background and sashing of the blocks for the finished throw quilt, you will need about three yards.)

### Cutting Instructions:

All squares measure 2 1/2"

**Pineapple Base-** cut 20, 2 1/2" squares

**Leaves-** cut 14, 2 1/2" squares

**Background-** cut 12, 2 1/2" squares (draw a diagonal line from one corner across to the other on the back of 10 squares.)

## Sewing instructions

All seam allowances are 1/4".

### STEP 1: Pineapple Base

- Lay out all twenty pineapple squares in 5 rows of 4 squares each, and stitch together. Sew the rows together, matching the seams, and pressing the seam allowances in opposite directions, so that the seam lies flat. The sewn squares should measure 2" finished. (The outer edges will still have a 1/4" seam allowance remaining.)

- Pin a background square, face to face, on top of one of the corner squares, with the diagonal running across from side to side. Stitch exactly on the diagonal line. Trim away the corner leaving 1/4" seam allowance. Fold backwards and press the seam in towards the pineapple. Do this to all four corners to create a rounded, or "snowball" effect.

### STEP 2: Leaves

**A time saving trick:** Prepare several pieces to sew at the same time in a chain without stopping to cut the thread in between them until you have sewn them all.

- Pair four light green squares with four dark green, face to face. Draw a diagonal line on each pair, pin in place and stitch exactly on the line. Sew one after the other on the diagonal lines leaving a space between each piece. Mark a 1/4" seam allowance on one side of the seam for each and trim. Press open.

- Pair together and pin the remaining 6 green squares with the background squares that have diagonal lines drawn on the back. Cut them apart, trim one side of each to 1/4" and press open toward

the green fabric. You will have two solid background squares remaining.

- Lay out the leaf squares as per the image below, or arrange the four center squares as a pinwheel, flying geese, or simple four patch. Stitch together by matching the seams as before.

- Sew the leaf section to the pineapple base. Press the completed block to finish!

(Instructions for a simplified pineapple block will be posted on the Quilters Guild website after the meeting date.)

Finished block should measure about 8 1/2" by 16 1/2" .  
(8" by 16" block with 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.)

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Join our **BQG Block of the Month Facebook Group**  
<https://tinyurl.com/y99wbfgy>  
Share your block to enter the on-line lottery and win that month's collection of blocks!

To enter the drawing, post your completed BOM by 10 am before our Guild Meeting, usually held the third Saturday of the month. Each completed block gives you a chance to win the drawing during the meeting whether you are present or not. Blocks will be collected from those attending the meeting in person. Everyone else will privately mail their blocks to the winner. **Please post your block even if you wish to keep it! Just note that it is not for the contest.**

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