Block of the Month December 2011

I was looking through all of the wonderful donated BOM fabric and came across a lovely fabric treasure with dancing spring flowers. After going through my scrap stash I found some great complimenting pieces of fabric. I purchased some Matri Michell acrylic templates (Set B – templates #8 and 11) from The Cottage some time ago and decided to use them for this month's block. The greatest thing about cutting pieces with the template is they match perfectly. If you use an accurate ¼ inch seam, you will construct a perfect block with no dog ears.



When you piece your block place the blue and green triangles on opposite sides of the floral 4' square. Sew the triangles in place using a ¼ inch seam and press toward the triangle. Then sew the green and yellow triangles on the remaining sides and press. The finished block is a 6 square."

How easy and fast is this! Be sure to stop by the BOM table and purchase your blocks. Imagine how spectacular this quilt would look if set on point. These blocks are so fast and easy that the winner will have their quilt top done before spring and won't be lost in the piles of UFO's.

Holiday Trivia:

One of my favorite holiday plants is the poinsettia. The poinsettia which is native to Mexico was adopted as a Christmas flower in the United States in 1828. Mexicans called the plant "flower of the blessed night," because of its resemblance to the Star of Bethlehem. Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U. S. ambassador to Mexico brought the plant to the United States, where it was renamed in his honor.



Jan and I would like to thank all of you for your kind words and support of the BOM. We wish you all a safe and glorious Holiday Season.

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