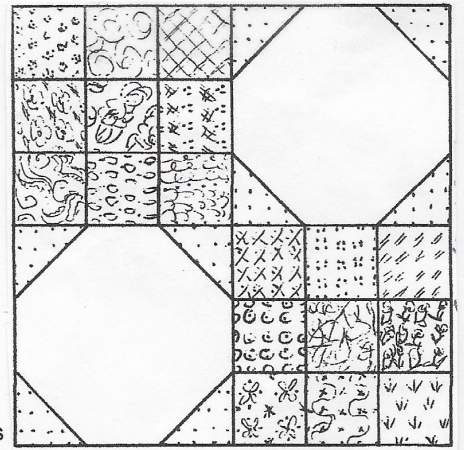


MSQC Block of the Month – January, 2019  
**Sonoma Snowballs**

Cut the following:

- 2 - 6 1/2" squares of light background fabric suitable for the snowballs
- 8 - 2 1/2" squares of medium blue for the snowball corners
- 18 - 2 1/2" squares of random blues from lights to dark



**9 patch block** (make 2)

Assemble two nine patch blocks from an assortment of 9 of the 18 squares

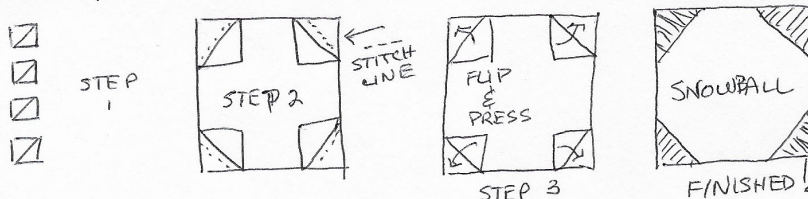
Sew together with a scant 1/4" seam allowance

Press and then trim the block to 6 1/2" (just a few threads on each side trues it up)

**Snowball Block** (make 2)

Mark the backside of the 8 medium blue corner squares diagonally (stitching line).

Take one 6 1/2" background block and sew a corner square on each corner. (4 corners in total for each snowball.)



Repeat this step with the second background square.

**\* hint.** When sewing on the diagonal line, stitch a thread or two to the right of the drawn line. When you flip the corner over this will help ease the fabric to match in the corner.

Flip the corner to the outside and press.

**\* hint.** Once the block is pressed turn it over and true up the block to 6 1/2" using the background block as your guide. Even with careful stitching the bias shows itself in the corners. You might need to trim away a few threads.

Turn the block over and trim out the "middle" piece of the corner square. Again to preserve the square at 6 1/2" I leave the background fabric intact and only remove the extra corner square fabric.

Layout:

Place a 9 patch first and then a snowball for the top row

Reverse the second row with the snowball first and then the 9 patch

Press and you have completed your block!

It should measure 12 1/2" when done.

If you have any questions please contact either: Carole Behlke 440-773-5221 or Heidi Anderson 707-829-2358 and we will help you as best as we can.