

Boys Will Be Boys
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 Clue 4

We will be completing two more sets of blocks for this clue. For Block A, everyone needs four, rectangle and square versions. For Block B, the rectangle versions will need two, while the square needs four. We are making some pretty interesting blocks, can't wait to share!

Block A: (everyone needs four)

BACKGROUND-NEUTRAL	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>7-1/4" WOF strips</i>	1	
<i>Sub-cut to 7-1/4" squares</i>	2	
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>	1	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>	8	
<i>3-1/2" squares</i>	<i>Using scraps, cut 8</i>	
<i>8-3/4" WOF strips</i>		1
<i>Sub-cut to 8-3/4" squares</i>		2
<i>4-5/8" WOF strips</i>		1
<i>Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares</i>		8
<i>4-1/4" squares</i>		<i>Using scraps, cut 8</i>

BACKGROUND-LIGHT/ MEDIUM	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>	1	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>	8	
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>	1	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares</i>	8	

BACKGROUND-LIGHT/ MEDIUM	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>4-5/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>4-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/4" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
VERY DARK	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>3-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-7/8" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>4-5/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-5/8" squares</i>		<i>8</i>
ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>6-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 6-1/2" squares</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>3-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>Scraps or 1</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/2" squares</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 8" squares</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>4-1/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>Scraps or 1</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4-1/4" squares</i>		<i>8</i>

First we will assemble some flying geese units using the "no waste" method (tutorial on our YouTube channel or widely around the internet) with the largest NEUTRAL with MEDIUM/LIGHT and NEUTRAL with VERY DARK. Trim to 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" or 4-1/4" x 8".

Using the remaining four of those smaller squares, (3-7/8" or 4-5/8") we need to make some HSTs two at a time like before. We will need eight (8) in each colour-way, NEUTRAL with MEDIUM/LIGHT and NEUTRAL with VERY DARK. Trim to 3-1/2" or 4-1/4"

Lastly, grab those ACCENT large squares with the remaining NEUTRAL squares (3-1/2" or 4-1/4") and let's "triangle" those top two corners. We will draw one diagonal line on the wrong side of our NEUTRAL squares. We will assemble by stitching ON the line. If you stitch just to the "outside" of the line, you won't have the chance of getting the units too small.

First side:



Trim to 1/4" from the line (stitching) for your seam allowance and press away from the centre.

Stitch the adjacent side exactly the same, trimming to the 1/4" seam allowance again, pressing away from the ACCENT again.

This unit should measure 6-1/2" or 8" now and we are ready to assemble the "bigger picture".

We need all the units we created in this clue to assemble this: flying geese, HSTs, and this "house".

Completely deconstructed:



I stitched those HSTs on the sides first, making this easy to assemble like a 9-patch (three rows of three units).

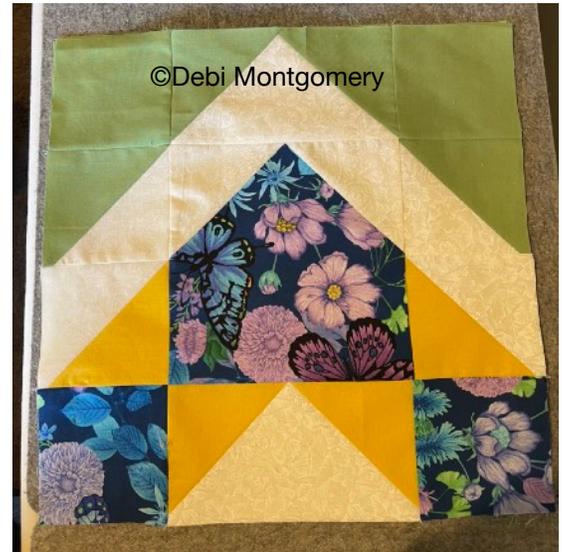
PLEASE NOTE: each side is OPPOSITE the other.
We need four each way.

Centre "3-patch" units deconstructed:



Our final blocks should measure 12-1/2" or 15-1/2" and be pressed in the easiest most flat way possible.

We need four of these completed blocks.



Block B: (Rectangle versions need two) Square versions need four. Remember rectangle versions requirements are in ().

BACKGROUND-NEUTRAL	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>4-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" units</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>2 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>32 (16)</i>	
<i>2-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>2 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>32 (16)</i>
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>4 (3)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3" x 5-1/2" units*</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>

**Please keep remaining WOF strips intact. We will use them later in the clue.*

BACKGROUND-LIGHT/ MEDIUM	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>2 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>4+ " WOF strips</i>		<i>2 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 4+ " squares</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>
VERY DARK	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>3-1/4" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 3-1/4" squares</i>	<i>4 (2)</i>	
<i>AND 2-1/2" squares</i>	<i>4 (2)</i>	
<i>1-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 1-1/2" squares</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>2-1/2" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>3-3/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 3-3/4" squares</i>		<i>4 (2)</i>
<i>AND 3" squares</i>		<i>4 (2)</i>
<i>1-3/4" WOF strips</i>		<i>1 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 1-3/4" squares</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>
<i>3" WOF strips</i>		<i>2 (1)</i>
ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>2-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>2 (1)</i>	
<i>Stub-cut to 2-7/8" squares</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>	<i>32 (16)</i>	

ACCENT	<i>12" blocks</i>	<i>15" blocks</i>
<i>1-7/8" WOF strips</i>	<i>1 (1)</i>	
<i>Sub-cut to 1-7/8" squares</i>	<i>16 (8)</i>	
<i>3-3/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>2 (1)</i>
<i>Stub-cut to 3-3/8" squares</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>
<i>Cut squares on ONE diagonal for triangles</i>		<i>32 (16)</i>
<i>2-1/8" WOF strips</i>		<i>1 (1)</i>
<i>Sub-cut to 2-1/8" squares</i>		<i>16 (8)</i>

This is the more "interesting" block of this set! We have a few steps to create before we can assemble these. Let's start with the largest of the LIGHT/MEDIUM squares and the ACCENT and NEUTRAL triangles to make some square in a square units.



Please keep the same colour fabrics side by side. I stitched the opposite sides first, pressed these "open", then followed with the remaining two triangles. Press these away from the centre square.

Trim these to 4-1/2" or 5-1/2" depending on your chosen size. You need eight or sixteen (8 or 16) depending on rectangle or square version.

With those remaining WOF strips, let's make strip sets. These will be NEUTRAL with VERY DARK. Please press these toward the VERY DARK and trim your strip-sets to 2-1/2" or 3" segments making your rectangles the same size as the rectangles we cut on page 4, 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" or 3" x 5-1/2".

We need to assemble sixteen (eight) of these now. These units should measure 4-1/2" or 5-1/2" now. Press away from the pieced rectangle.



Now to make some small stars, we will use our largest VERY DARK squares with our ACCENT squares to assemble sixteen (eight) flying geese units using the no waste method as before. These need to be trimmed to 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" or 1-3/4" x 3" after pressing away from the centre triangle.

Let's use those remaining VERY DARK squares to create a star, like this.



I created my stars in three rows of three units.

Once complete these should measure 4-1/2" or 5-1/2". Press these stars in the easiest, most flat way you can.



Now for the final block assembly.



Placement of those corners (and square in a square units) is crucial for the final look. Please make sure they are rotated like mine.

Complete these two or four blocks should measure 12-1/2" or 15-1/2" and pressed flat.

