

Hello Ladies! As mentioned at the A meeting last week, the 3" jelly roll is a batik. The Block of the Month for May is called an Amish Pinwheel which has curves but does not require curved piecing! YAY!

We will be sticking to the "floral theme" ... April showers bring May flowers (though the weather has been so awesome these past few days, hard to remember the rain that came in abundance only last week!). So the inner pinwheel can be any "floral colour" of your choosing, with green "leaves" and a yellow center on a white or white tone on tone background.

As the pattern is a PDF file I wasn't able to edit the colours there so you will have to use the colour theme above in place of the colours listed on the block pattern. (Wow what a lot of colour in that one sentence ... hopefully there are no grammar police amidst the group!)

I must apologize for not having a sample at the last A night (I really had planned on attending or I would have gotten it to my partners in crime ... ooops bad word ... my partners in fabric that is, to illustrate the block). I will be sending the block and a block in progress along with Diana to the retreat this weekend so any of you attending will be able to take a look at the "techniques" used. My apologies to those who will not be attending but trust me, the directions are very clear and I had no difficulty making the block (if you miss sewing in one of the little triangle corners, the removal of a few stitches makes it easy to fix! ... yep I know this for a fact hee hee!).

There will be no block of the month for June as this will give you gals more time to work on the President's Challenge (which I believe was a Campbell River theme quilt) and the Challenge using that square of crazy looking fabric we paid a couple of dollars for! Maybe you might want to finish a few more UFOs for show and tell and get a star by your name in Fran's book of floppies (now doesn't that sound fun!).

I am not sure if the Block of the Month is a position that becomes available each year ... so if there is anyone out there that would like this position, I couldn't possibly hold you back as it is a lot of fun trying new blocks (which you might not have done if you weren't the block of the month person, hee hee)! ... **but** if you will give me another chance, I would love to be your BOM lady when we meet again in September. I will tell you what I am thinking and I'd love to have some feedback in the event this is NOT what you want (and yes I listen). I thought we might try a mystery block of the month project so that you have a quilt by the end of June.

Whether or not we want to do a block for a draw is entirely up to you, but it would not be necessary, and the fun would be seeing what everyone's quilt looks like at the June meeting. We will still have a jelly roll draw as I think it has been well received and we could do a charm square as well if we do not have the BOM draw.

Sorry this email is on the lengthy side ... but just wanted to share some thoughts and I hope that you will try this crazy curved pinwheel. See you at the A meeting in June

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