

Trees Please: Block of the Month

March 2011

Tree in Grandma's Garden

Unfinished block size: 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"

Finished block size: 9" x 9"

Materials:

Background: Cut 1-10" x 10". This will be trimmed to 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" upon completion.

Trunk: Cut 1- 2 1/4" x 4" strip.

Hexagon foliage: 15-2 1/2" squares.

Starch

Directions for assembly:

1. The trunk will be appliquéd to the bottom edge of the background, in the middle. Using the pattern provided, cut out one trunk. If you hand appliquéd, add 1/4" on both sides.
2. Cut out 15 hexagon templates from heavy paper or light cardboard. English paper piecing method was used to put together the tree foliage. To use this method, place one paper hexagon in the middle of one 2 1/2" fabric square, leaving at least 1/4" all around. Fold the fabric over the template and baste down. Next, whipstitch the hexagons together at the edges, placing them right sides together, and whipstitch one side. Then open the fabric up and whipstitch in another hexagon. Press using a very generous amount of starch.
3. Remove the basting thread and the paper from the back of Grandma's tree. The starch will keep the tree's shape. Place the tree on the trunk and appliquéd in place. Press gently.
4. Trim the block to 9 1/2" x 9 1/2".

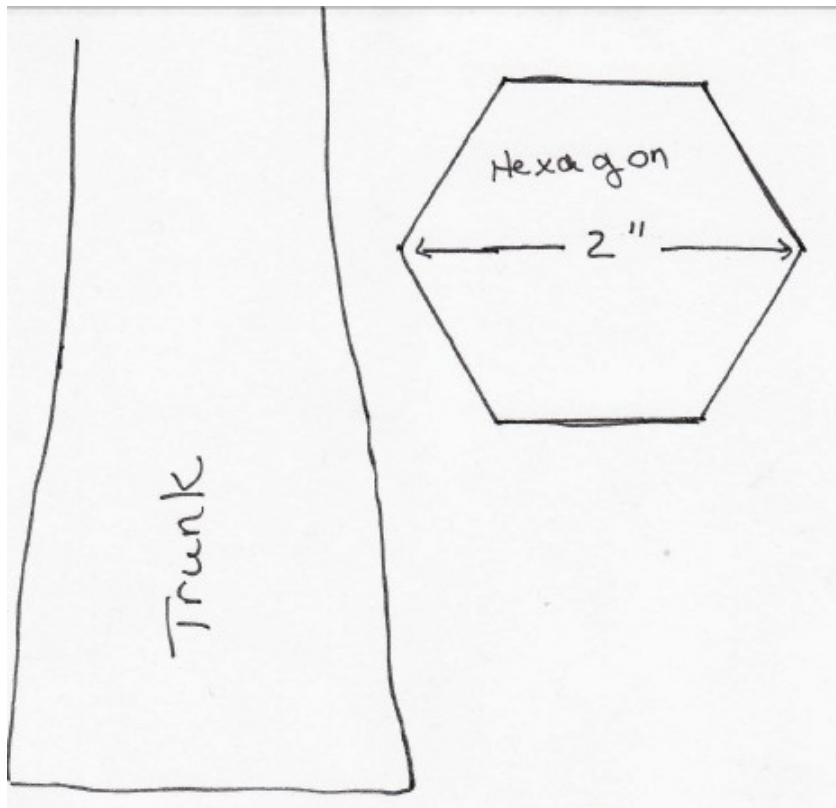
Embellishment:

1. Add French knot flowers for a Spring tree in bloom.
2. Appliquéd grandma in her garden.

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Mary Gorelick's setting for the Blocks of the Month.



Remember to bring your pieced Block-of-the-Month quilt to the June 2011 meeting to enter the \$100 drawing.



