

Surfside Quilters Guild

A Block A Month
March 2010

Return of the Swallows

9 1/2" unfinished pieced block with half-square triangle units

Surfside Quilters Guild is up! Each month make blocks for your own Surf's Up sampler quilt. This month make three Return of the Swallows blocks. Following the picture tutorial will simplify the construction of this block.

<http://sites.google.com/site/surfsidequiltersguild/home/block-a-month>

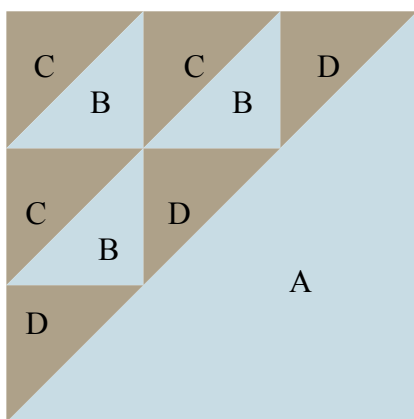


Figure 1:

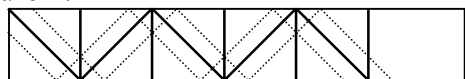
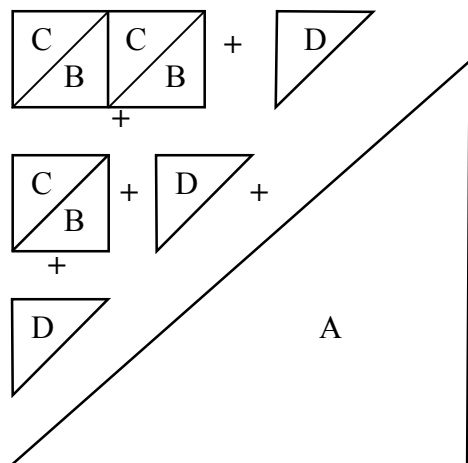


Figure 2:



Cut the following fabrics for three blocks:

- From sky fabric, cut two 10" squares then cut them in half diagonally. You will have one extra A.
- Cut a 4" x 21" strip of sky blue fabric for B.
- Cut a 4" x 21" strip of "swallow" fabric for C.
- Cut a 4" x 21" strip of "swallow" fabric for D. Cut strip into five 4" squares then cut in half diagonally.

Half-Square Triangles: 3 1/2" unfinished (B and C)

- On wrong side of the lightest 4" x 21" strip of fabric, B or C, draw lines with a pencil every 4" going the short direction then diagonally (Fig. 1).
- Place right sides together with the other 4" x 21" strip of fabric and sew 1/4" on both sides of drawn diagonal lines (Fig. 1).
- Cut on drawn vertical and diagonal lines.
- Press seams towards the "swallows". Square up to 3 1/2". Make 9 half-square triangles.

Constructing block:

- Layout block as shown in top diagram.
- Sew two C/B units together, then sew a D on to it. Press towards the "swallows".
- Sew one D to a C/B unit. Press to D.
- Sew a D to bottom of the C/B/D unit. Press towards D.
- Sew this unit to the C/B/D unit in step 2. Press towards the "swallows".
- Pin this section to an A piece. Sew and press towards A.
- Square up block to 9 1/2".

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