**Block of the Month – August 2012**

**Fish Finder**

**Fabric:** Choose 3 different colors (browns, tans, greens) for the fish and a light or medium blue for the background. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:** To make TWO finished blocks, cut pieces as follows (to make just one block, cut half as many pieces and cut on diagonal to make triangles of all pieces except the body pieces):

- **Background (blue)**
  - (3) 4 ¼” squares to go with the tail pieces
  - (3) 4” squares for the extra water by the heads, cut on diagonal
  - (3) 3” squares to go with the head pieces, cut on diagonal

- **EACH Fish color**
  - (2) 3 ½” squares (for body pieces)
  - (1) 4 ¼” square (for tails)
  - (1) 3” square (for heads), cut on diagonal

**Assembly:**

1. Match each of the 4 ¼” background pieces with each of the 4 ¼” fish pieces RST (right sides together) and draw a diagonal line. Sew ¼” on each side of the line and then cut on the line. Iron seam to side.
2. Match the two half-square triangles of each fish RST with the blue and fish colors opposite. Repeat the diagonal line and ¼” sewing as in direction #1. These will be all six tail blocks. Trim to 3 ½” square.
3. Match the diagonal background pieces cut from 3” squares with the diagonal head pieces and sew on one of the SHORT sides (see diagram for the head pieces).
4. Match the pieces sewn in #3 with the 4” diagonal background pieces and sew on the diagonal.
5. Trim the head squares to 3 ½”.
6. Sew the fish together, matching seams and alternating their direction (two facing left and one facing right).
7. Embellish with button eyes, prairie point fins, or anything else that strikes your fancy!

**BOM basics:**

- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.
- For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
- Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
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