**In Like a Lion** *(corrected version)*

**Block of the Month - March 2016**

12” x 12” finished block (12 ½” x 12 ½” unfinished)

**Fabric:** off-white, tan, gold, medium brown, dark brown, busy or scrappy mane

**Cut:**

*Off-White (lower face)*

A - (4) 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares
B - (1) 3” x 3” square
C - (1) 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangle (see alternate below for adding a mouth)
Tan (top of nose)
D – (1) 3” x 3” square; cut on diagonal

*Gold (upper face)*

E – (2) 4 ½” x 6 ½” rectangles

*Medium Brown (accents)*

F – (1) 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangle
G – (1) 2” x 2” square; cut on diagonal

*Dark Brown (eyes)*

H – (1) 2 ¾” x 2 ¾” square; cut on diagonal

*Mane – Busy Pattern that “fits” the color scheme or make a scrappy mane*

J - (1) 1 ½” x 4 ½”, (2) 1 ½” x 2 ½” & pieces of black/dark brown: (1) ¾” x 4 ½”, (1) ¾” x 1 ½”

Sew the smaller black piece between the two smaller pieces of off-white, then the bigger piece of black between this piece and the larger piece of white. Trim block to 2 ½” x 4 ½” to form C (including a mouth!)

<see diagram at right>

**Directions**

1. Sew B+L together (put right sides together, draw a line on the diagonal, sew a scant ¼” seam on each side of the line, cut on line, square up to 2 ½”)
2. Sew A+F+A to make a flying geese unit. (Jeanne messed hers up . . . so the pictured lion’s nose is not quite right.) If you have never made flying geese before, there are great tutorials on YouTube. Quilters Cache shows three main methods at [http://www.quilterscache.com/H/Howtomakegeese.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/H/Howtomakegeese.html)
3. Add D, G, and H to E in MIRROR IMAGE to form the two sides of the face. Use pins to help you keep it straight. <see photo at right>
4. Sew LB + C + BL to form the bottom “row” and A + AFA + A to form the next row.
5. Sew the two halves of the face together
6. Sew the upper and lower parts of the face together.
7. Sew the K pieces on to the two sides and J on the top.
8. You may add the eyes by applique, fusible webbing, top-stitching, etc.
9. If you get really adventurous with this pattern, you could add prairie point ears, whiskers, or other creative touches! Let’s hope March goes out like a lamb . . .

**BOM GUIDELINES:** Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name on your block(s). Make it simple: stick your mailing label on each block’s back. Consider including leftover scraps with your block (pinned to the block or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use in a border or for other finishing touches. If you cannot bring the blocks to the meetings, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings. Address: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. We’ll have a drawing at both meetings if we have enough blocks. If we get only a few on Thursday night, we’ll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We’ll call to notify winners. Blocks can be mailed to the winner or picked up at the MQ office or at the next meeting.