

# EQG BLOCK LOTTERY #3

Turn in at November 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The third block exchange will be a "Snowflake" block in honor of the winter season. This block is borrowed from Marsha McCloskey's Block Party, page 99 for those of you that might have her book. We have now progressed to quarter square triangles and sashing between the pieced corner locks. Sticking to our previous standards, this block will also be 9" finished or 9 1/2" unfinished.

There are several ways to make quarter square triangles; I've included only one. You can research additional ways through several books – 101 Fabulous Rotary-Cut Quilts by Judy Hopkins & Nancy J. Martin' Your First Quilt Book by Carol Doak' or The Art of Classic Quiltmaking by Harriet Hargrave & Sharon Craig.

Materials:

Scraps of whites and medium to dark blues (shades to represent the winter night sky)

Cutting:

- 4 (1 1/2" x 4 1/2") rectangles. These will be sashing unit **A** between the pieced corners.
- 4 (2 1/2" x 2 1/2") squares to make 4 **B** squares.
- 4 (3 1/4" x 3 1/4") squares. Cut diagonally from corner to corner. Without moving the pieces, cut in the other direction from corner to corner to create the **X** cut. Each square will yield 16 triangles with the long side on the straight grain. This is triangle piece **C**.

From white:

- 4 (2 1/2" x 2 1/2") squares to make 4 **D** squares.
- 1 (1 1/2" x 1 1/2") square to make one **E** square for the center of the sashing.
- 4 (3 1/4" x 3 1/4") squares. Cut diagonally from corner to corner. Without moving the pieces, cut in the other direction from corner to corner to create the **X** cut. Each square will yield the 16 triangles with the long side on the straight grain. This is triangle piece **F**.

Assembly:

1. Join 1 blue **C** triangle to 1 white **F** triangle along a SHORT bias side. This will create a new two-color triangle. Make 16 units.
2. Join the new triangle units together, aligning the center seam to create a square unit. Make 8 quarter square units. The straight grain edge will be on the outside of the square.
3. Join 4 quarter square units to piece **B** (join white edge to blue piece **B**) and 4 quarter square units to piece **D** (join blue side to white piece **D**).
4. Join these new rectangular units together, aligning seams and having the quarter square units opposed diagonally. See the diagram. Make 4 new square units.
5. Join piece **A** to the new square unit (the square's white corner will be along piece **A**). Make 2. Check the diagram for proper placement of the colors.

6. Join a second combined square unit to opposite side of piece **A** (the square's white corner will be along piece **A**) to form a new rectangle.
7. Join the 2 remaining **A** pieces to opposite sides of piece **E** to form a long narrow strip.
8. Attach the narrow strip to the side of the latest rectangle (the white squares should be on the inside of the block).
9. Attach the remaining rectangle to the opposite of the narrow strip (white squares on the inside) and you should have a new snowflake block!

If you have any problems or questions, you can call Judy Elliott (she's in the roster) or check with another quilting buddy who may be able to help. Good luck and have fun!

