

Fraser Valley Quilters' Guild

January 2023 Block of the Month

13 inch – pieced block

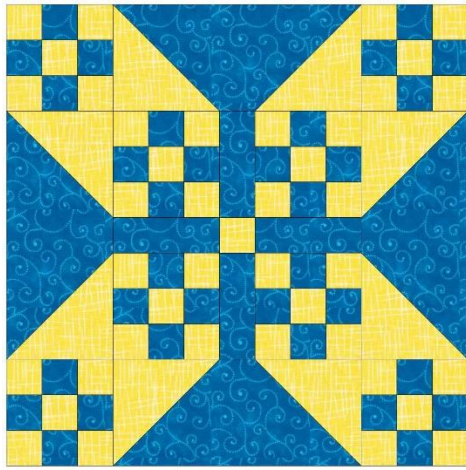
Background - some fun 'fireworks exploding' or 'sparkly' fabric that makes you think of celebrations, like New Year's Eve!!!

Cut from **background** fabric:

32 squares that are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (for the 9 patches)

4 rectangles that are $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ "

4 rectangles that are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (for the centre sashing part of the centre block)

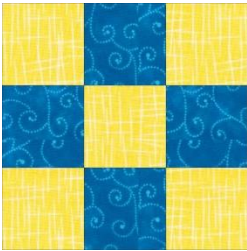


Cut from **contrasting** fabric:

41 squares that are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (for the 9 patches) and the 1 extra square in the exact centre of the block

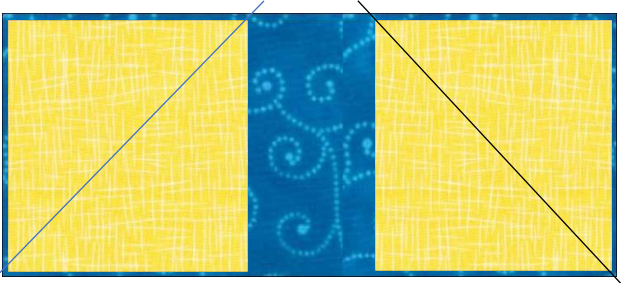
8 squares that are $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

OR: if you don't like cutting all of those small squares for the 9 patches – you can cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips from both fabrics, sew strata sets to make the 9 patches that way!



However you do it, make 8 of the 9 patch blocks

Then create the part that resembles the flying geese block by putting a contrasting square onto each corner of the large rectangle and sew diagonally from the centre outwards, as shown



Cut off the excess fabric on the outside edges $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seamline – make 4 of these



Now build the block, create the 3 rows (as shown) and then sew the rows together to make the complete block

