

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH MAY 2022**

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May is a month for flowers. The sunflower is the national flower of the Ukraine, and a symbol of hope. This is a bit more time-consuming than many of our blocks, but it would make a stunning quilt. I have chosen to make it against a sky-blue background.

### **Cutting:**

Sky-blue background:      Four 5" squares  
   Four 2 x 3 1/2" strips  
   One 8 x 2" strip

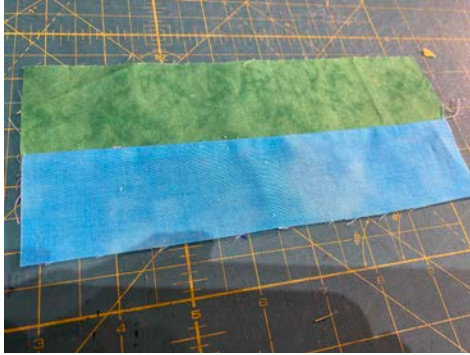
Bright yellow:              Four 5" squares  
   Eight 4 3/8" squares  
   Four 2" squares

Green:                              One. 8 x 2" strip  
Brown:                              Four 3 1/2" squares

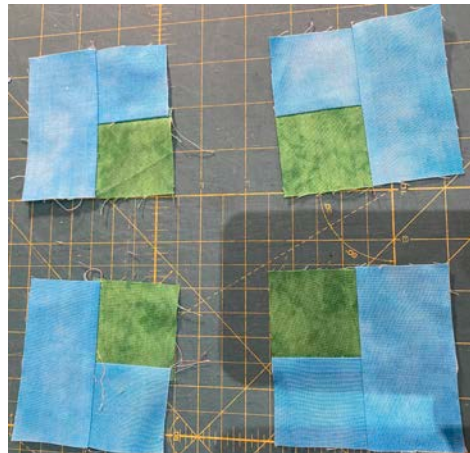
**Sewing.** All seams will be a scant 1/4”:

**First make the four corners.**

Sew the blue 8 / 2” strip to the green 8 x 2” strip along the long edge. Then cut crosswise into four strips.



Sew each of these to a blue 2 x 3 1/2” strip to make the corner squares.



**Next make the petals of the sunflower** using our method for HSTs.

Take each of the four blue 5” squares and place right sides together on one of the four yellow 5” squares. Draw a line across one diagonal on each, and sew 1/4” on each side of the line. Cut along the line and press open. You now have eight squares.



Trim each of these resulting two-colour squares to  $4 \frac{3}{8}$ " square.

Take each of the eight yellow  $4 \frac{3}{8}$ " squares and place right sides together on your two-coloured squares.



Draw a diagonal line on the yellow square across the **opposite** diagonal as shown above.

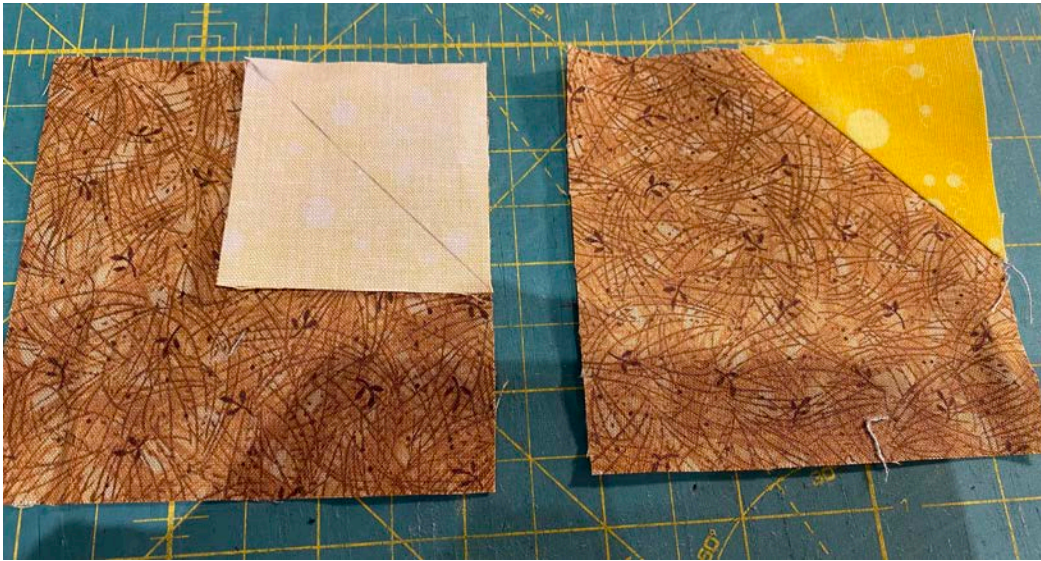
Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam each side of the line, then cut along the line and press open. Trim the resulting squares to be  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " square, aligning the centre carefully on your ruler.





**The next step is the centre square.**

Draw a line across one diagonal on each of your 2" yellow squares. Place one right sides together at the corner of each of the 3 1/2" brown squares and sew along the diagonal. Press open and trim the excess fabric off the back.



**You are now ready to sew all the small blocks together to make your sunflower.**  
Lay them out as shown and sew together.



