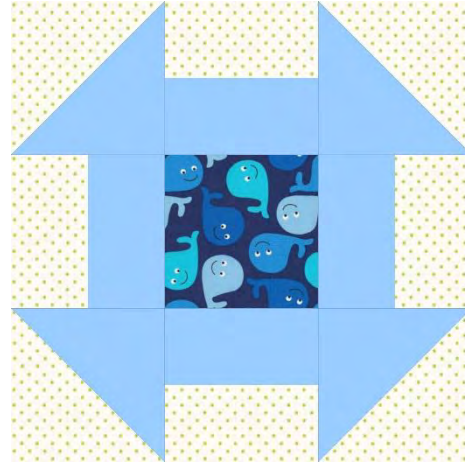
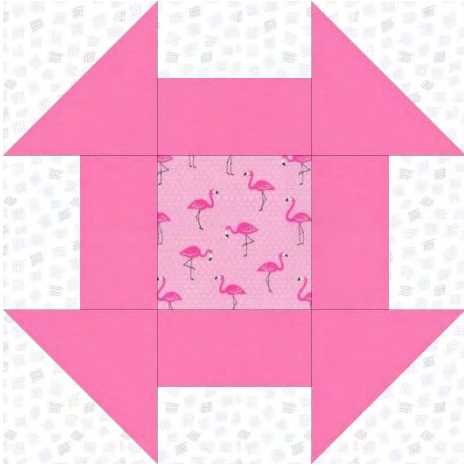


## Fraser Valley Quilters' Guild Block of the Month – May 2026

Block will finish at 12" (with seam allowance – 12 ½")

### Focused Churn Dash



A **Focus** fabric that has some type of animal/bird/fish – either a single image or several (as in above).

A **Light** colour - off-white, beige or light grey (solid or very small print that reads as LIGHT) for background

A **Medium to Dark, Bright** colour (solid or very small print that reads as medium to dark) for the areas directly surrounding the centre / focus square (shown in examples above as the solid blue and solid pink). **Don't limit your block to only pink or blue!**

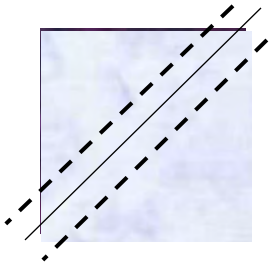
#### Cut for each block:

Focus Fabric (centre square)	Light Background	Medium to Dark, Bright
4 ½" x 4 ½" square (1)	5 ¼" x 5 ¼" square (2)	5 ¼" x 5 ¼" square (2)
	2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle (4)	2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangle (4)

#### Assemble and Stitch:

Make 4 HSTs (half square triangles) by placing a **Background** 5 ¼" square on top of a **Medium to Dark, Bright** 5 ¼" square – good sides facing each other. Draw a diagonal line across the square. Stich on either side of the line ¼" away from the line.

Cut down the middle line. Press towards the darker fabric. Trim each of these 4 units to finish at a 4 1/2" square. Repeat again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> HST units.



Stitch a light 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle to a medium/dark bright 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle along the long side. Repeat to finish with 4 of these units.

Follow the diagram below for positioning the blocks.

Stitch the 3 units together in Row 1, then stitch the units in Row 2 and then stitch the units in Row 3. Lastly, stitch Row 1 to Row 2 and then stitch this unit to Row 3.

