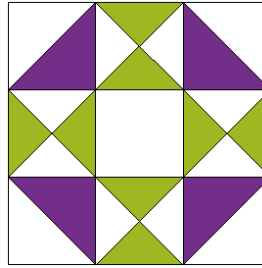# CSQG May 2025 BOM

Swamp Angel Block

Block of the Month 12½" (unfinished)

The name of this month's block is very interesting. Its origin dates back to the 1930's. The Swamp Angel quilt block, a striking star pattern, uses only Hourglass, Half Square Triangles, and squares, making it a straightforward yet visually dynamic addition to any quilt. It is very well suited to use up your scraps.

Cutting directions for one 12½" unfinished block: (all measurements are in inches)

Background Fabric ☐

Color 1 ■

Color 2 ■

Light/Background: 2 - 5½" squares, 2 - 5" squares, and 1 - 4½" square

Color 1—Dark/Purple: 2 - 5" squares

Color 2—Medium/Green: 2 - 5½" squares

The block is assembled as a traditional nine patch. Let's make the units.

For the half square triangles (HSTs):

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of the 5" background squares.

2. Place one background square and one Color 1 5" square right sides together (RST), making sure they're lined up nicely.

3. Sew ¼" on both sides of the drawn line.

4. Cut on the drawn line.

5. Press out toward the dark side and trim to 4½" square.

6. Repeat steps for a total of four HSTs.

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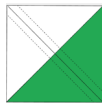Now make four hourglass units:

Repeat Steps 1 and 2 on page 1 using a Color 2 5½" square with a 5½" Background square.

  - Don't trim these just yet.

3. Pair two of the resulting HSTs together snugging up seams.

4. Draw diagonal line from corner to corner and sew ¼" on both sides of this line.
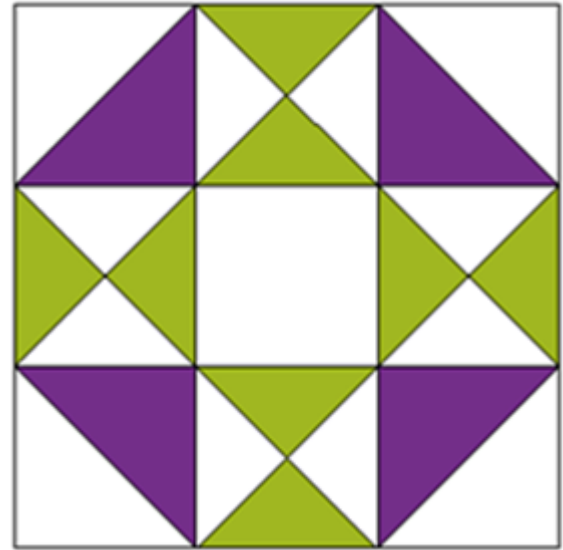
5. Cut on the drawn line.

6. Press the seam allowances to one side.

7. Square up/trim the unit to 4½" square.

8. Repeat steps again for a total of four hourglass units.

9. Arrange the units in rows of three according to the above diagram and then sew the rows together nesting seams.

10. Square up the block to 12½".

Happy Sewing,
Cindy

Tutorial for making this block: https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/how-to-sew-the-swamp-angel-quilt-block-a-star-block-with-a-unique-name