



## May Block of the Month

### Swamp Angel\*

This month we are going to practice the easy half square triangle technique and learn an easy quarter square triangle (or hour-glass) technique. You will need five fabrics:

- medium grass green
- black background floral print
- pale blue
- medium to dark blue
- yellow print

#### CUTTING:

- 2 - 3-7/8" squares medium green fabric
- 2 - 3-7/8" squares black floral print fabric
- 1 - 3-1/2" square yellow print fabric
- 2 - 4-1/4" squares pale blue fabric
- 2 - 4-1/4" squares medium to dark blue

By now, you should all be familiar with the half square triangle technique. The quarter square triangle is the same with one extra step. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of both pale blue 4-1/4" squares and both green 3-7/8" squares as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1

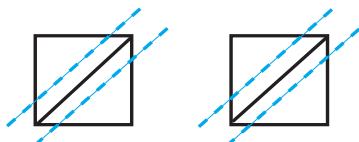


Figure 2

#### SEWING:

With right sides together, sew the pale blue squares to the dark blue squares and the green squares to the black squares. Sew one quarter-inch from the marked diagonal line on the back of the lighter fabrics. Now sew one quarter inch from the other side (see the blue lines in Fig. 2).

Now cut (on the solid drawn line) the squares on the diagonal. Press toward the dark fabric. As shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3

To make the quarter square triangles turn the resulting pale-blue/dark blue half square triangles over and continue the diagonal line down the back of two of them. Now place them right sides together with the unmarked blocks with pale blue facing dark blue. And continue as above sewing one quarter inch seams on each side of the diagonal line. Then cut on the line. Press to seam one side.

Now sew together as shown in the block at the top left hand corner of this page.

#### HINT:

Be VERY sure that you are using a scant 1/4" seam. This is MOST important and that your seam is consistent throughout your block. Check this after each seam. Then measure your block when you are finished. Your block should measure 9.5" (unfinished).



\* Block design from [Around the Block with Judy Hopkins: 200 Rotary-Cut Blocks in 6 Sizes](#) by Judy Hopkins, published 1994 by Martingale & Company.