

## LLQG MARCH BOM 2023

### Birds Nest

#### 10 ½" unfinished

**2 - 4 7/8"** squares of **colored fabric for the bird** cut in half diagonally once.

**2 - 2 7/8"** squares of **the same bird fabric** cut in half diagonally once.

**6 - 2 7/8"** squares of **white fabric** cut in half diagonally, for the backside of the birds. This all for the four corner blocks.

**9 - 2"** squares of **colored fabric** for the nests, (center strips), that complement the bird fabric, trimmed to **1 15/16"** (see **note\***)

**Cut 6 squares of white fabric at 1 7/8"**, cut diagonally once. These are for the ends of the nesting strips.

**Cut 3 squares of white fabric at 3 ¼"**, cut diagonally **twice**. These are for the sides of the nest.

**(Note\*;** Most rulers and mats don't have 16<sup>th</sup> of an inch markings. Just place your ruler between the 7/8" and 2" markings and trim down one side and then the adjoining top *OR* bottom of the block, *but not both*, of the square! It is important to do this or the center strip will be ½" too long!)

**Making the birds:** Match a tail triangle of the bird (small colored fabric with one of the like sized white triangles (both made from the 2 7/8" squares cut diagonally) right sides together and sew on the long edge of the triangle to make a square, press open. Trim to 2 ½". **Make 4 of these.**

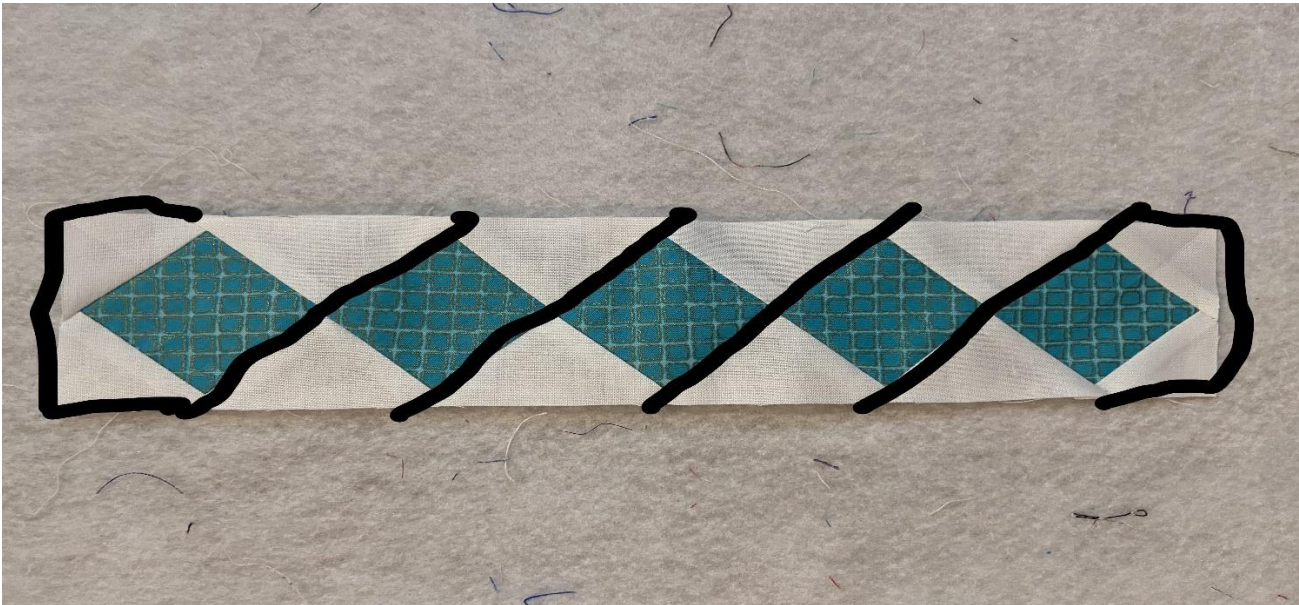
**Take 2 of the same sized white triangles and lay next to the square you just made, as in the picture.** You will sew these together on the sides, not on the long edges. The long edges need to be facing out. **I lined the edge of the triangle on the side of the square starting equal to the small white seam allowance of the half square triangle, and then sewed down the colored edge of the square. Fold the white up and then press seam open, trim ears. Do the same to the other side of the bird tail. The sides of the white parts of this 4 part triangle should be 4 ½". You need ¼" of white above the point of the colored tip in the middle for seam allowance.**

**Next place a large colored triangle face down on top of the 4 part triangle you just made, and match the back corners together, pin, then match the sides, then sew your ¼" seam along the long edge of the triangles, colored triangle down. Trim to a 4 ½" square. Make 4 of these! Your birds are now done.**

**Making the birds nest:** There are two different sizes for the white triangles of the nesting strips. The ends are the triangles made from the **white 1 7/8"** squares, cut diagonally once. The side triangles are the ones made from the larger **white 3 ¼"** squares cut diagonally twice.

See the picture below;





This is picture of the center strip laid on its side. I've marked the seams in black but also curved around the ends. You will make 3 strips. The two that go between the top and bottom birds you just made, only have the two end sections of the pictured strip and will be **2 ½" X 4 ½"s** when done.

Take one of the **complimentary colored squares** and fold it in half and finger press the fold, then open it and do the same in the opposite direction, so that you marked the center of all 4 sides. I do this so I can easily see the marking. Then take **1 of the smallest white triangles** and fold it down the center of the long edge to the point, finger press. Open it up, lay it on one of the sides of the colored square matching the finger pressed crease at the edge. Sew together with ¼" seam, press white triangle up, and trim ears even with sides of the colored square. Next choose an **adjoining side** of the **colored square** and do the same thing with another of the **smallest white triangles**. You should have a ¼" seam allowance above the **colored point** between the 2 white triangles for seam allowance. Lay this 3 piece section down as in the left of the above picture. Now you are going to take one of the white triangles made from the 3 ¼" squares (the middle sized triangles) next to the 3 piece section you just made, long edge facing up. You will line up the side of the triangle even with the bottom of the colored square, flip it over rights sides together and sew your 1/4" seam. Fold the white triangle up and trim ears. Again you should have a ¼" seam allowance on the new point created. The left side of you side strip is done.

Now look at the right side of the pictured center strip. Do the same as before but this time your larger white triangle will be facing down. When done you will butt these two strip ends up together, white sides of triangles to colored squares, points together and sew the two ends together. I press the seams open for bulk, you can drop some water on where the points meet and press it. **Make two**. These 2 strips should be **2 1/2" X 4 ½"s** when finished.

You sew these between 2 of the bird blocks, top bird facing right and down into center, bottom bird facing right and up into center for the left side of the block. Do the second one top bird facing left and down, and bottom bird facing left and up. This way the birds face each other and center. These should end up being **4 1/2"s wide and 10 ½"s long**.

To make your **center strip**, you make your two ends again, then make 3 strips of the larger **white** triangles from the **3 ¼" squares**, longer edges facing out and add one to each opposite side of a **colored square**, one long edge will face up and one down when compared to the picture. Press open. **Make three of these strips**. Next sew two of these strips, right sides together, making sure you don't sew color to color. Sew this group of 2 strips to one of the end pieces, long sides together rights sides facing, matching points. They will look

strange, at right angles to each other, just make sure you are attaching the long edges together white to color. Press open. Now take the last center piece and sew it to the other remaining end piece the same way, long sides together and white to color. Press and trim. Lastly sew the two sides together making your center strip of 5 colored squares, point to point. You should have  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on all unattached points. The ends of the strip should be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "s and the length of the strip should be  $10\frac{1}{5}$ "s. Sew this strip between the other 2 sections so that the birds are all facing it, matching points as needed. Press open and trim. The block should be  $10\frac{1}{2}$ "s square. **You are done!**