

2021 Block of the Month- My Hometown

Introduction & Fabric Requirements for SPRING and SUMMER colorways

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INTRODUCTION



Spring



Summer

Completed quilt size approximately 63" square

The name of this BOM is My Hometown! I hope that you find it comforting, and that it reminds you a little of your own hometown and some of the things that might make your town special to you.

This year, we are including instructions for TWO different colorways- we are going to "max out" your creativity on this one! There is the modern "**Summer**" color way, with Charcoal, Coral, and Gold, and the pastel "**Spring**" color way, with Pinks, Purple and pale Green and Blue.

If you'd like to use the exact fabrics we've used in the samples, we have fabric kits and quilt labels available:

jacquelynnsteves-shop.com/collections/fabric/products/my-hometown-block-of-the-month-fabric-kit

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You have several options for making these blocks. In months 1 through 5, we will be making the blocks. There are options for piecing only, machine/hand applique, or embroidering the blocks. You can:

- Machine or hand applique the motif in the center of the block (patterns provided.)
- Hand embroider the motif in the center of the block (patterns provided.)
- Use the white fabric in the center as shown, leave out the applique and embroidery altogether, and use that negative space to showcase some fabulous quilting.
- Use a print or a novelty fabric as your block center, and leave out the applique and embroidery.

In Month 6 we will be making the border corner blocks, then Month 7 will include border and finishing instructions.

I encourage you to try a technique that you haven't done before- If you've never tried **hand embroidery**, you can find my videos for getting started and a couple of simple stitches here <http://www.youtube.com/user/JacquelynnSteves>

I have a 17 page PDF **Fusible Machine Applique Tutorial** available here <http://jacquelynnsteves-shop.com/collections/digital-patterns/products/fusible-machine-applique-tutorial-digital> *(For members of The Art of Home Club- the tutorial is included on the Club member website.)*

For fusible machine applique, please note that the patterns are already reversed for you- just trace them onto your fusible web.

Each block will be 16" finished (16 1/2" unfinished size.)

Here is the schedule for block release (subject to change). All blocks released the first Monday of the month --

Month 1- Introduction/Preliminary Cutting Instructions and Block 1 (February 1, 2021)

Month 2- Block 2 (March 1, 2021)

Month 3- Block 3 (April 5, 2021)

Month 4- Block 4 (May 3, 2021)

Month 5- Block 5 (June 7, 2021)

Month 6- Border Corner Blocks (July 5, 2021)

Month 7- Borders & Finishing (August 2, 2021)

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Please share photos of your progress with all of us! When sharing photos, questions, or comments regarding this BOM, please use the hashtag **#MyHometownBOM** so that we can all follow along! I, for one, LOVE to see photos of your work, and I know everyone else does too! So please share, and don't worry if your work isn't perfect- goodness knows mine isn't either! You might even find that someone has a suggestion to help you out with a question or issue. Let's build a really fun, encouraging community around this project!!

Finished quilt size approximately 63" square. These are fabric requirements for appliquéd version of the quilt. If you do the version with just piecing or embroidery, you will have a little fabric leftover.

Below are the fabric requirements for BOTH COLORWAYS- choose your favorite, or make both!!

Fabric Requirements- SUMMER:

- White- 1 yard
- Gold- 1/2 yard
- Charcoal Floral- 1 1/8 yard
- Coral- 1/2 yard
- Peach- 1/2 yard
- Green- 1/2 yard
- House Print- 1 1/8 yard
- Light Blue- 1 1/4 yard
- Optional- if not doing applique/embroidery and you want to use a print for the block centers, you will need 3/8 yards of a non-directional print, such as a floral or novelty
- Backing- 4 yards 42/44" wide
- Batting- 71" square

Fabric Requirements- SPRING:

- White- 1 yard
- Small Blue Floral- 1/2 yard
- Fuchsia Floral- 1 1/8 yard
- Green- 1/2 yard
- Pink Ladybug Print- 1/2 yard
- Lilac- 1/2 yard
- House Print- 1 1/8 yard
- Light Pink Solid- 1 1/4 yard
- Gray- 7" x 13" scrap (applique only)
- Optional- if not doing applique/embroidery and you want to use a print for the block centers, you will need 3/8 yards of a non-directional print, such as a floral or novelty
- Backing- 4 yards 42/44" wide
- Batting- 71" square

Optional:

Applique version:

- Supplies for your preferred method of applique (thread, needles, freezer paper, fusible web, etc.)

Embroidered version:

- Embroidery supplies such as floss to match your fabrics, needles and hoop, interfacing, etc.