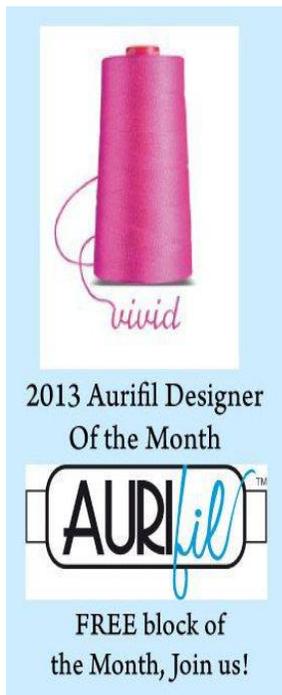


**2013  
Aurifil  
Designer  
Block  
of the  
Month:  
November**

*Laurie Tigner*

**“Mr. Tambourine Man”**

by Bob Dylan



*Welcome to the November BOM for the greatest thread company, EVER! So, grab your fabric and your 50 wt. Aurifil thread and let's rock and roll this block while humming Big Bob's version of my favorite song!*

*Hint: Use scant ¼ inch seams throughout and also be very careful with that pressing, you don't want to distort the fabric by getting too frisky with the iron!*

*My instructions are written for beginners to piecing, so you people out there with lots of experience, bear with us....*

***FABRIC! Pat Bravo's Art Gallery! Loving it!***

Cut all pieces of fabric and match up in appropriate piles. Construct and trim (if needed) all HST (half square triangles) and flying geese according to directions below.

Fabric # 1 ⇒ Light Peach Floral ⇒ Cut (1) 4 ½" square

⇒ Cut (2) 3" squares for HST

Fabric # 2 ⇒ Beige with brown flowers ⇒ Cut (2) 3" squares for HST

⇒ Cut (4) 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles for Flying Geese

Fabric # 3 ⇒ BLACK ⇒ Cut (2) 3" squares for HST

⇒ Cut (4) 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles for Flying Geese

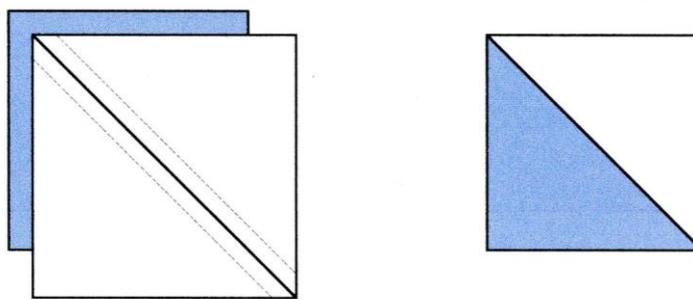
Fabric # 4 ⇒ Bright Salmon Print ⇒ Cut (8) 2 ½" squares

⇒ Cut (8 more) 2 ½" squares for Flying Geese

Fabric # 5 ⇒ Brown with dots and stems ⇒ Cut (2) 3" squares for HST

**Make all Half Square Triangles:**

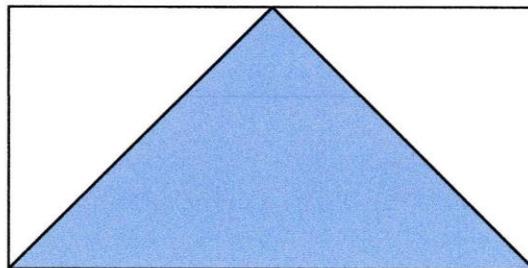
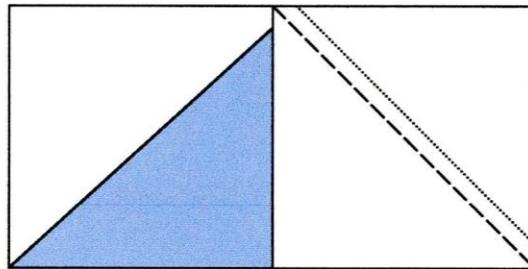
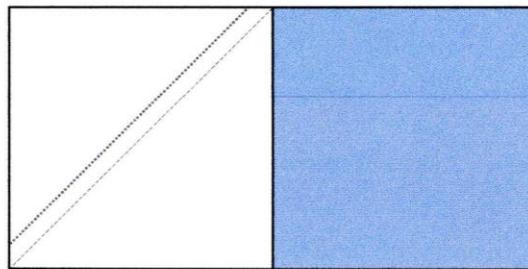
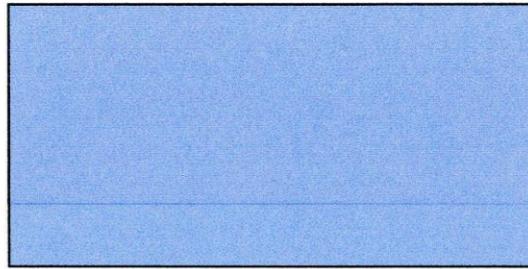
Put two #1 and # 5 colored squares together, right sides facing toward each other. Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the lighter of the two fabrics. Stitch seams ¼ inch away from both sides of the center drawn line. Cut on the center drawn line. Open each and press carefully. Now, using your square rulers' 45° line positioned on the seam line, trim as needed to make a perfect 2 ½" HST block. See Diagrams below.



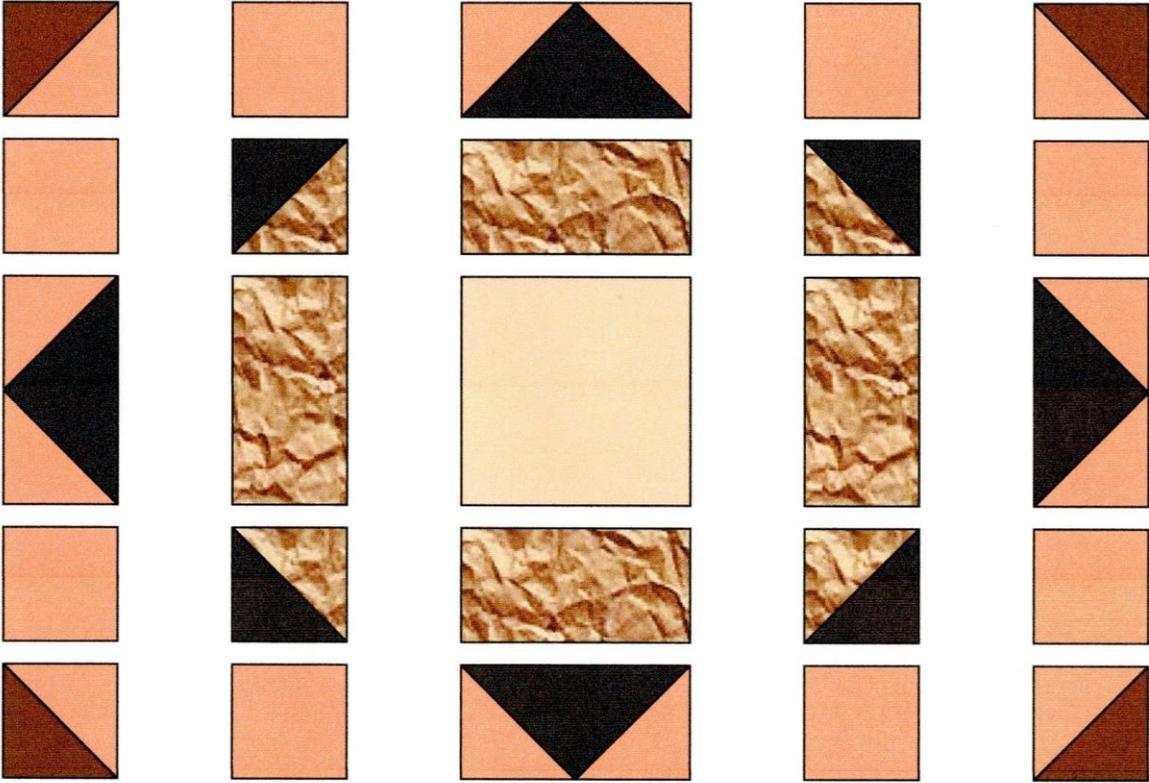
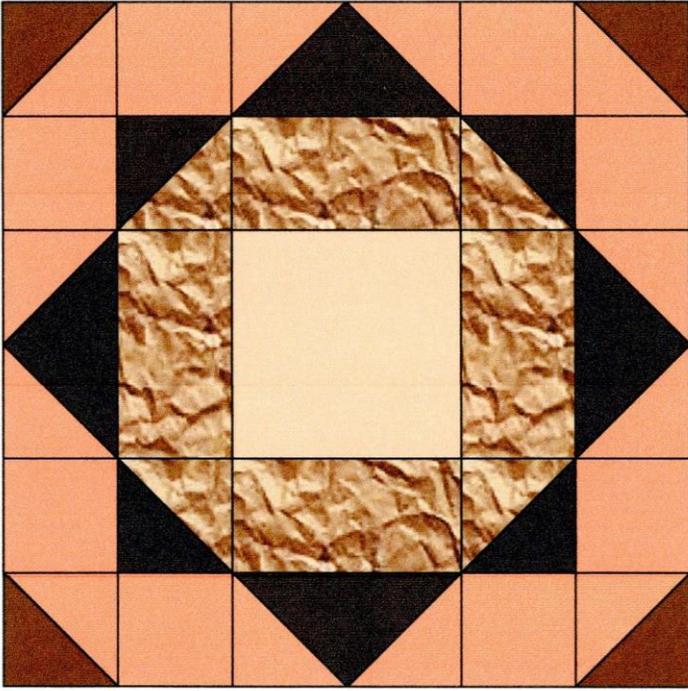
Continue to make your HSTs. You will end up with 4 finished HSTs consisting of colors #1 & #5, and 4 HSTs consisting of colors # 2 & 3. Set aside for now.

## Make four Flying Geese:

On the wrong side of 8 of your 2 ½” squares of fabric, color #4, draw diagonal lines across the square. Place one square on one end of the 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangle. With right sides together, stitch on the drawn line. Trim ¼- inch to outer edge of the stitched seam as shown with a dotted line. Press seam open, being careful not to distort or stretch fabric. Repeat on other side of triangle. See diagrams below.



Now that all of your pieces are constructed, pin and sew together in strips as shown in diagram as follows.



Finished block will measure 12 1/4" x 12 1/4".

Thanks for playing along, and hope you are happy with your tambourine block! Now it is time to “dance beneath the diamond sky, with one hand waving free”. Sing it, Bob!