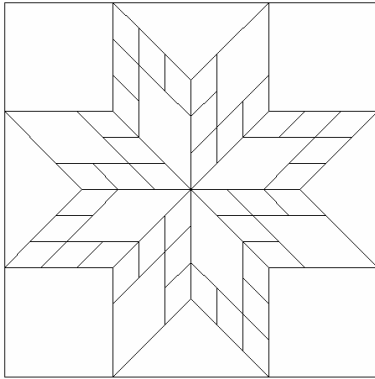


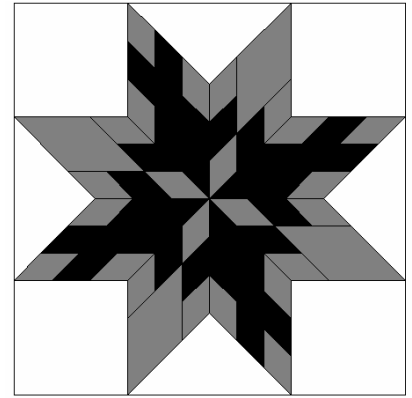
Dove in the Window The BOM is a 10 inch finished block (10 ½ inches edge to edge)

Dove in the Window is the name of several blocks. In this version from the East Coast of the United States in the early nineteenth century, the doves are formed by careful placement of sixty degree diamonds into a star shape. With modern strip piecing and rotary cutting or paper piecing, it becomes much easier to accomplish. Other names for the block include Flying Star, Bluebirds of Happiness, Bird of Paradise, Flying Fish, Crow's Foot and Crossroads.



Colour the block on the left with your own colour choices to help with the placement of the pieces.

For the BOM - make dark blue or navy doves on a spring flower star on a cream background



This month's block is a combination of paper piecing and templates. The points of the star will be paper pieced. The pattern is on the following pages - **make sure that you choose the right size for your block.** There are four pieces sections - labeled D1, D2, S1, and S2. You will require four copies of each pattern. You will also need four of each template (A and B) for the background pieces.

This pattern requires some inset seams, but they are easy to handle once you know how.

First assemble four of each diamond shape. Sew each Dove unit D2 to the corresponding Dove unit D1 where marked. Sew the Star Unit S2 to the Star Unit S1 where marked.

Sewing the four corners ...

Check the diagram for placement. Sew one Dove unit to a Star unit (points marked with * together are the centre of the star) stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ inch before you reach the outside seam where you are going to inset the square background piece A. I find it easier if you don't press this seam yet. Sew one side of the square to the Dove unit, again stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the inset corner (sew towards the inset corner). Now sew the adjacent edge of the square to the Star unit again stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away. Press the seams away from the background square, and the 'star' seam will press open naturally, and your corner will be complete.

Once you have the four corner units complete, sew two of them together and inset the triangle (B) the same way. Complete the other half of the block, and then sew the two halves together.

For the Bali Sampler - this is a 20 inch block! The pieces are bigger but the sewing is the same.

In Earlene Fowler's book "Dove in the Window", Benni's grandmother Dove hosts the annual Harper friends and family Thanksgiving barbeque, cattle roundup and all night poker game and finds a little romance on the side. Meanwhile Benni and Gabe solve the possible murder of a photographer at the event. Benni's cousin Emory arrives from Alabama with the intention of marrying her best friend Elvia - who is dead set against it!

If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to call Lyn at 421-1357, or drop by the Saturday Drop-In on January 29th at 1133 Pipeline Rd. Coquitlam