

# Raincross Quilt Guild Block of the Month

## September 2024 - June 2025

The final quilt will measure approximately 36" by 52" before optional borders. You will need  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard for sashing around your blocks. Use fat quarters, scraps, or whatever you choose. ([This is a change from the first pattern pages.](#)) We will be making seven different blocks - Sept. through March. April and May are for assembling the top and adding optional borders and finishing. Bring finished quilts to show in June.

### Block #5 Bees - January 2025

For this block you will need

Background

Bee body (yellow)

Bee head and body (black)

Bee wing (silver, grey, etc)

Completed block size  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. This will finish to 4" square.

#### Cut

Background 2 -  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " squares

5 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

1 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

Yellow 1 - 1" x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

1 -  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square

Black 1 - 1" x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

1 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square

1 -  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square

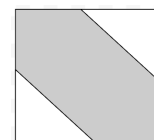
Silver 2 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

**Sew** This bee starts as a four patch - head, two wings and a body.

**Head:** Use 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " black and background squares and 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle. Sew squares together and press seam toward the black. Add the rectangle to the top and press seam toward the rectangle.



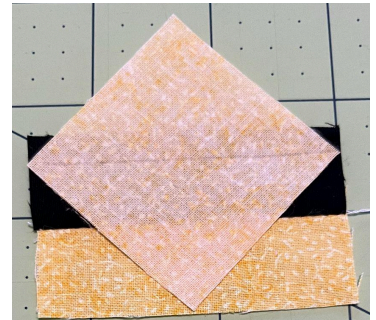
**Wing:** Use 1 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " silver squares and 2 -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares. Snowball opposite corners with the background squares. Press toward the wing and trim. Repeat for the second wing.



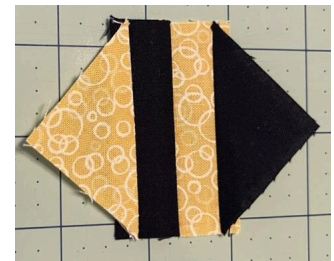
**Body:**

1. Sew the 1 - 1" x 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " black rectangle and the 1 - 1" x 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle Yellow rectangle together along the long edge. Press to the black.

2. Draw a diagonal line on the yellow 1 - 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " square and stitch along the line  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the black rectangle from step 1. Trim and press away from the rectangle.

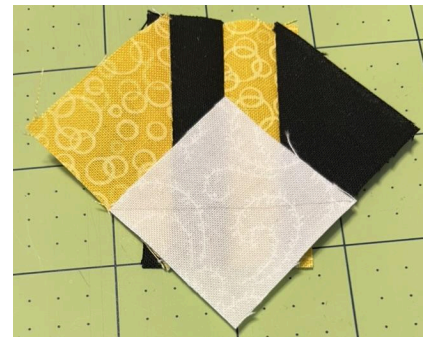


3. Repeat with the black square and the yellow rectangle from step 1. Trim and press away from rectangle.



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4. Snowball the two 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares to the sides of the body. Trim this seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". This will remove extra background and black and yellow points. (The bee body should measure 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square).



5. Assemble the bee. Press these seams open.



Make six more for a total of seven bees. Do not stitch them together.

Contact Susan or Jeri if you have questions, concerns, or corrections.