

# Sierra Quilt Guild

## Block of the Month March 2017

### Nature Walk

This block measures 9" finished (9 1/2" unfinished). All seams are sewn at 1/4".

#### Fabric Requirements

- two contrasting 4-inch squares; used in Step One - Half Square Triangle (HST)
- 2 rectangles 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" & 2 rectangles 1 1/2" X 5 1/2" ; used in Step Two - 1st Border
- 2 rectangles 2 1/2" X 5 1/2" & 2 rectangles 2 1/2" X 9 1/2" ; used in Step Three - 2nd Border



#### Step One - Half Square Triangle:

Make 2 half square triangles using the 2 contrasting 4-inch squares. Only one of the HST will be used in the block (retain the other one). On the wrong side of one of the squares, draw a middle line on the fabric (with a pencil) through the opposite corners. Then draw 2 stitching lines 1/4" above and 1/4" below the middle line. Put the two 4" blocks right sides together and stitch along both of the stitching lines. Cut between the stitching lines on the middle line to create 2 HST. Press seams open. Trim each HST to 3 1/2" square.

finished block should measure 11 inches' square



#### Step Two - 1st Border:

Using the rectangles for the first border, stitch the two 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" rectangles to top and bottom sides of the HST. Press seams open. Stitch the two 1 1/2" X 5 1/2" rectangles to the remaining two sides of the HST. Press seams open. Block is now 5 1/2" square.



#### Step Three - 2nd Border:

Using the rectangles for the second border, stitch the two 2 1/2" X 5 1/2" rectangles to top and bottom sides of the block. Press seams open. Then stitch the 2 1/2" X 9 1/2" rectangles to the remaining two sides of the block. Press seams open. Block is now 9 1/2" square.

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### *Block of the Month*

The block this month is fairly easy construction and is called Nature Walk. The fun thing with this block is main fabric, called Nature Walk by tamarakate for Michael Miller, and the potential for great fabric contrast in the block. The fabric has a modern aspect with the colors and the whimsical nature of the prints, but also has a traditional aspect with the softness in the design. Very nice for spring!

You'll see in the pattern that we are creating 2 Half Square Triangles, one of which will be incorporated in the center of the block and the other one should be returned with your finished block. The winner of the blocks will then have an extra HST to make more blocks, as well as the remaining feature fabric. If you want, you could even provide a 2 1/2-inch strip of the fabric you add so the winner can add repeat colors to their blocks if they want. Here are the color dots from the main fabrics in the collection:



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We'll provide 2-3 pieces of the 4 fabrics in the block and you can add 1 or 2 from your stash to compliment the Nature Walk fabrics. Good choices to add are any of the pinks or the grey in different intensities and shades, as well as whites. Couldn't you see a white fabric with grey dots or peach colored dots? Again, contrast will be important, so a nice variety of grey will add a lot. I'll bring some fabrics from my stash that i think will work if you need inspiration

I hope you enjoy making this block. If you have any suggestions about the kind of blocks you would like to see in future Block of the Months, please let me know at a meeting, email me at [katnap00@gmail.com](mailto:katnap00@gmail.com) or call me at 650-766-2445. If you ever need help with a block, please also feel free to contact me and I'd be glad to answer any questions you have.

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