

## Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

## Block-of-the-Month

September 2023

## "Scrappy Squeeze"

Fabric (photo A)
Cut:

- 4 different white or cream w/ blue print 3 " $\times 30$ " strips (in the instructions referred to as "white" strips)
- 4 different dark blue print $3^{\prime \prime} \times 30$ " strips



## Sewing Instructions:

1. Using a $1 / 4$ " seam on the 30 " side, sew one white strip to one dark blue print strip. Repeat for three remaining white and blue strips. Press strips toward dark blue color.
2. Use a 90 -degree triangle. Align the apex of the angle at the top of the blue strip and straight along the bottom white strip (I like to put a strip of blue tape along this edge exactly $5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ from the apex). (Photo B) Cut two triangles. A third opposite triangle will automatically be cut as well.
3. Rotate the strip and cut an additional triangle with the white strip at the top. There are now four triangles, two with blue at the top and two with white at the top. Press. (Photo C)
4. Lay one 90 -degree triangle face up on the cutting mat. Place a $6 "$ square grid ruler on the triangle, lining up the bottom edge of the ruler with the bottom raw edge of the triangle and the right edge of the 6 " ruler with the top (apex) of the triangle. Cut the triangle in half. (Photo D) Repeat for the three remaining triangles creating four sets of mirror images.
5. Lay out the pieces. (Photo E) With right sides together, sew a blue-tip/white-strip pointing left triangle to a white tip/blue-strip pointing left triangle. Repeat to make an opposite unit. Sew the two units together to make a square. Press. Using a grid ruler, square up to 6-1/2". (Photo F)
6. Lay out the four squares with two white center patches opposite and two blue center patches opposite. (Photo G)
7. Repeat until all the white/blue and blue/white strips are sewn, cut into triangles, again cut in half and sewn into 6-1/2" blocks as in step 5. Assemble into 12-1/2" blocks as in step 6. Press.


Photo B


Photo C


Photo D


Photo E
8. When finished, you will have two mirror image 12-1/2" blocks. (Photo H)


Remember to sew a consistent $1 / 4$ " seam. Have fun choosing your blue and white fabrics to construct our Scrappy Squeeze BOM. Please write your name on a back side seam of each block you submit, so you'll be eligible to win more blocks. The drawing(s) will be held at our guild meeting on November 2.

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