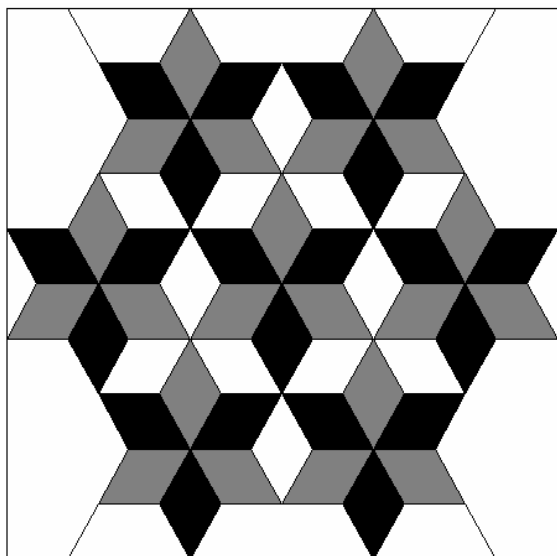


Seven Sisters

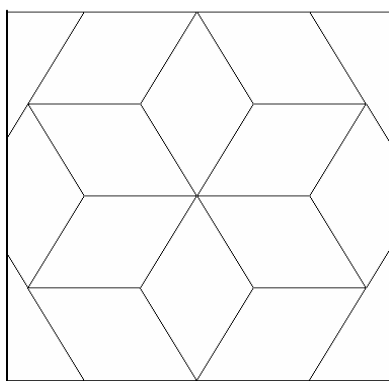
The BOM is a single 10 inch finished hex block
(10 ½ inches edge to edge)



The Seven Sisters block is actually seven eight pointed stars grouped in a single block. It is based on the Pleiades, a grouping of stars in the Taurus constellation. The pattern has been seen in quilts as early as 1845. It has also been called Seven Stars or Evening Stars.

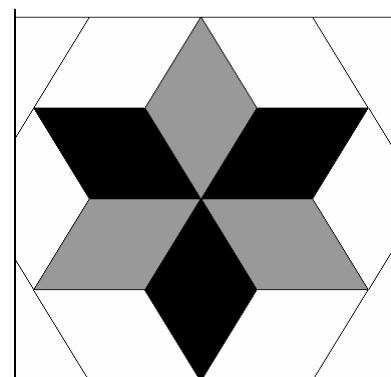
Often hand pieced, the block also goes together well by machine and is basically the same block as baby blocks!

For the BOM, we are going to do a single star in a hexagonal block. For the traditional samplers, we will border a single star for our block. The entire block is the centerpiece of the Bali Sampler!



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

FOR THE BOM – Let's make it bright spring flower colours on a grass green background. Colours that resemble the spring flowers – daffodil yellows, crocus purples and bright tulip reds! Put together it will look like a meadow of flowers



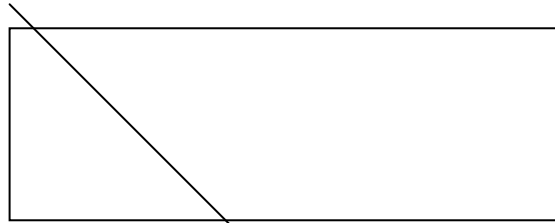
Cutting:

Finished Block Size	10 inch	12 inch
Edge to Edge Size	10 ½ inches	12 ½ inches
Background	3 inch strip	3 ½ inch strip
Dark	3 inch strip	3 ½ inch strip
Medium	3 inch strip	3 ½ inch strip

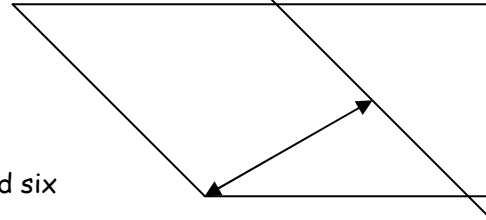
Cutting the diamonds:

Place the 60 degree line on your ruler along the bottom edge of the strip, and trip the edge of the strip. Now, move the ruler along the strip until the 3 inch line on the ruler (for the 10 inch block - 3 ½ for the 12 inch block) sits on your cut edge. Cut along the edge of the ruler and you have a perfect 60 degree diamond (see the next page for diagrams)

The first cut - make sure that the 60 degree Line on the ruler is along the bottom edge of the strip.



The second cut. Again the 60 degree line should be along the bottom of the strip, and the previous cut should be at the 3 inch mark for the 10 inch block, the 3 ½ inch mark for the 12 inch block. The arrow shows the measurement you are looking for. This will ensure that you have perfect diamond.



You will need three dark and three medium diamonds and six background units for the single star.

Assembly:

When sewing the diamonds together, start and end $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from each corner measured along the seam line.

Personally, I like to sew the diamonds into block units, then sew the blocks together.

Sew a dark diamond to a medium one, then inset the background diamond. Make three of these units. Now you have three baby block units. Sew the three units together - remember not to sew past the seam line.

Finally inset the last three background diamonds. **FOR THE BOM YOU ARE FINISHED!!**

Note: For the Samplers - using the remaining strip of the background, sew a strip along two opposite sides of the hexagon. Press towards the strip. Now, sew two more strips to two adjacent sides (opposite each other), and press those toward the strip. Now trim the block to the correct size ($10\frac{1}{2}$ or $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches). This will trim two of the diamonds you inserted around the block.

In Earlene Fowler's book *Seven Sisters*, Bennie is involved in a multigenerational murder at the Seven Sisters Ranch and Winery when her stepson decides to marry Bliss, a rookie in his Dad's police department, whose family owns Seven Sisters. Bennie has problems telling Sam, her stepson, that he is too young to marry and raise a family since she married her childhood sweetheart at that age. Bliss is pregnant and Sam is determined. Bennie also meets Sam's beautiful Mother who seems to be rather attracted to Gabe again - and Bennie's insecurities are showing! Meanwhile, the murder occurs and unraveling it leads into the past again - it's amazing how our past deeds catch up to us.

If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to call Lyn at 421-1357 or come to the Drop-In on Saturday, March 26th at 1133 Pipeline Rd. Coquitlam