

**Mudsock Quilters Guild
Block of the Month for June 2025
"Square Bubbles"**

Originally designed by Marjorie Rhine and appeared in *American Quilter* magazine July 2021

Block Unfinished = 12 ½"
Sew All Seams at Scant ¼"

Materials:

- Solids or Tonals in Medium-Light and Medium-Dark hues of Blue, Green, Orange (Red-Orange), and Gold
- White or tone on tone white
- Black
- Navy Blue or Dark Brown

Cutting to Make ONE Block:

- Medium-Light 5 ¼" x 5 ¼" (A)
- Medium-Dark 1 ½" x 5 ¼" (B)
- 1 ½" x 6 1/8" (C)
- 3" x 6" (H)
- 3" x 9" (I)
- White 1" x 6 1/8" (D)
- 1" x 6 ½" (E1)
- 1 ½" x 3 1/8" (G)
- 1 ½" x 10 ¼" (J)
- 1 ½" x 11 ¾" (K)
- Black 1" x 6 ½" (E2)
- 1" x 7 5/8" (F)
- Dark Brown or Navy Blue 1 ¾" x 11"
- 1 ¾" x 12 ¾"

Square up to 12 ½" x 12 ½"

Square Bubbles

by Marjorie Rhine

Batiks go modern in this bed-size quilt.

Skill level: Easy | Finished Quilt Size: 94" x 94" | Finished Block Size: 12" x 12"

Materials

Ivory batik – 5¼ yards
Brown batik – 1⅞ yards
Navy dot batik – 1¼ yards
Four contrasting medium-dark batiks
(I chose blue, green, gold, and red-orange) – ⅝ yard of each

Four medium-light batiks
(one each to pair with a medium-dark batik) – ½ yard of each
Binding – ¾ yard
Backing – 9 yards
Batting – 102" x 102"

Requirements are based on 42" usable width of fabric.

Cutting

From the ivory batik:

9 strips 3½" x WOF (outer border)
84 strips 2½" x 12½" (N)
40 strips 2" x 11½" (K)
40 strips 2" x 10" (J)
8 strips 1½" x 32" (G)
4 rectangles 1½" x 3½" (Q)
24 rectangles 1½" x 2½" (P)
40 strips 1" x 6½" (E)
40 strips 1" x 6" (D)

From the brown batik:

3 strips 12½" x WOF; subcut into
64 strips 1½" x 12½" (M)
2 strips 11½" x WOF; subcut into
40 strips 1½" x 11½" (L)

From the dark navy dot batik:

49 squares 2½" x 2½" (O)
80 strips 1" x 7½" (F)
80 strips 1" x 6½" (E)

From each of the medium-dark batiks:

1 strip 9" x 32" (I)
1 strip 6½" x 32" (H)
10 strips 1½" x 6" (C)
10 strips 1½" x 5" (B)

From each of the medium-light batiks:

10 squares 5" x 5" (A)

Binding:

10 strips 2¼" x WOF

Backing:

3 panels 35" x 102"

Note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF).

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Quilting design is a modified version of Cloudy Day by Timeless Quilting.
Fabrics from Bali Batiks collection by Hoffman California Fabrics.

Preparing strip pieced units

Notes: Press seam allowances in the direction of the arrows.

Make 10 blocks of each color combination. There will be 4 left over – 2 of 1 color combination and 1 each of 2 others. The extra blocks allow more flexibility in the layout.

Join an ivory G strip and a medium-dark batik H strip along the long edges. It is important to press the seam allowances toward the ivory strip for easy alignment during block construction. The strip set should measure $7\frac{1}{2}" \times 32"$. Cut into 3" segments (fig. 1). Cut 10 of these G/H segments.

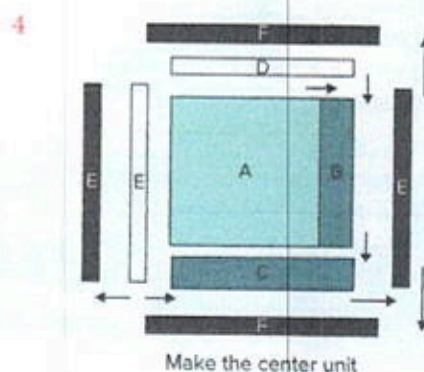
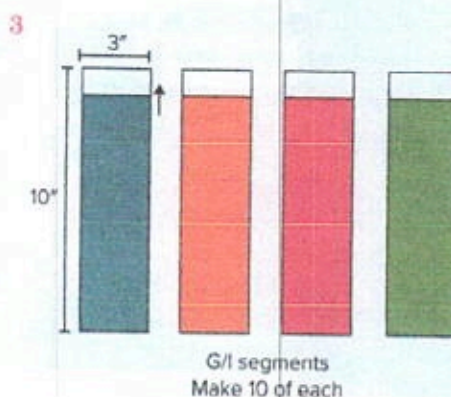
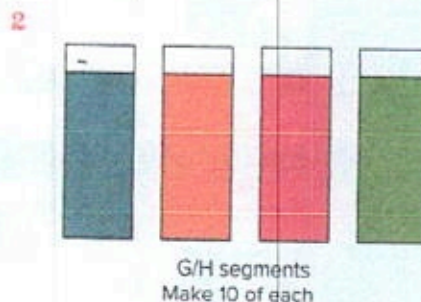
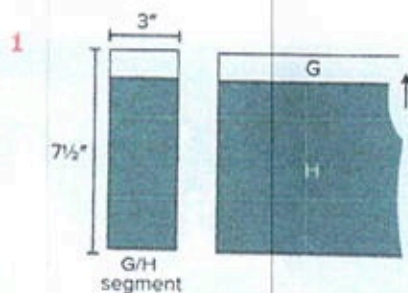
Repeat for the remaining medium-dark batik H strips (fig. 2).

In the same way, join an ivory G strip and a medium-dark batik I strip. The strip set should measure $10" \times 32"$. Cut into 3" segments. Cut 10 of these G/I segments. Repeat for the remaining medium-dark batik I strips (fig. 3).

Piecing the blocks

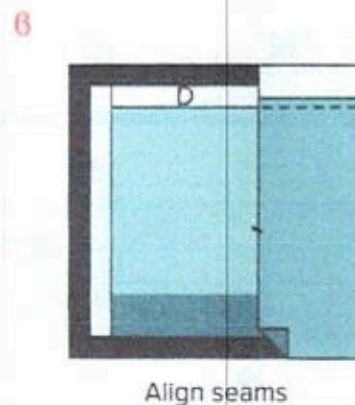
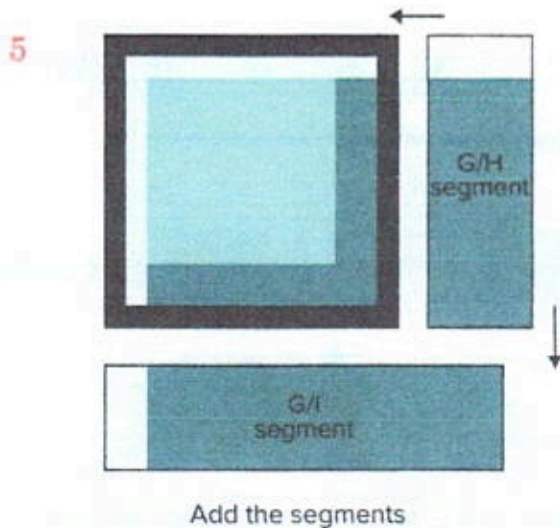
If you have not already done so, choose which medium-light batik you want to use with each medium-dark batik.

Following figure 4, sew a B and then a C strip to the sides of an A square. Add ivory D and E strips. Sew the dark navy dot E strips to the sides of the unit, then the dark navy dot F strips to the top and bottom. The unit should measure $7\frac{1}{2}" \times 7\frac{1}{2}"$ from raw edge to raw edge.



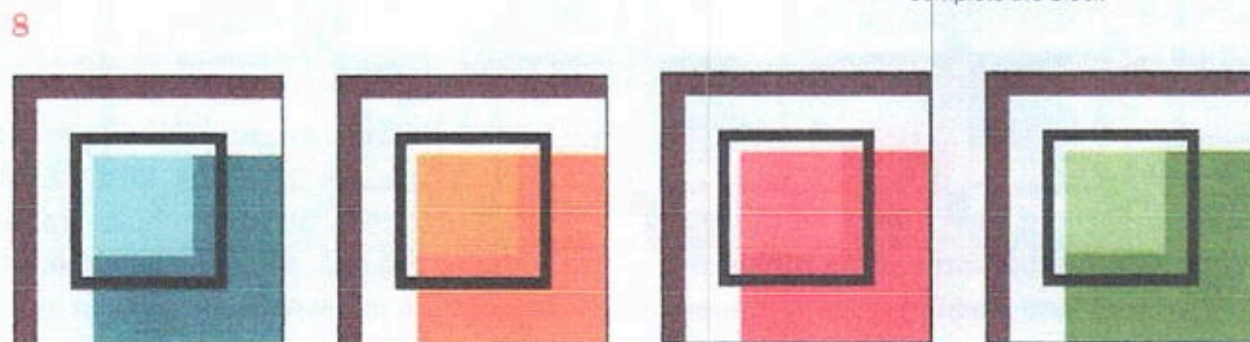
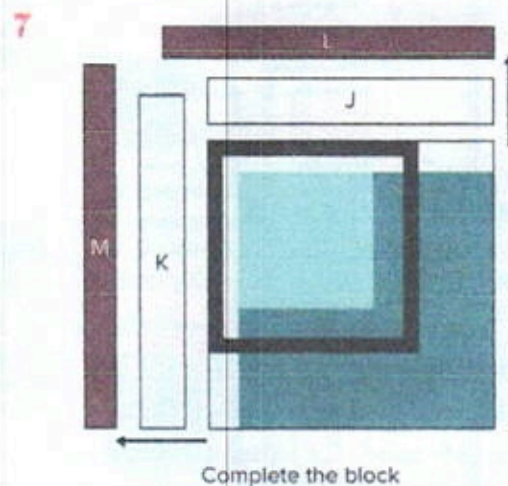
Piecing the blocks (cont.)

Sew a G/H segment (with fabric that matches the B and C pieces) to the right of the center unit (fig. 5). Sew a G/I segment to the bottom of the unit. *Tip: When the G/H segment is positioned over the unit for sewing, you should feel the seam lined up with the seamline of D (fig. 6). Align the G/I segment in the same way.*

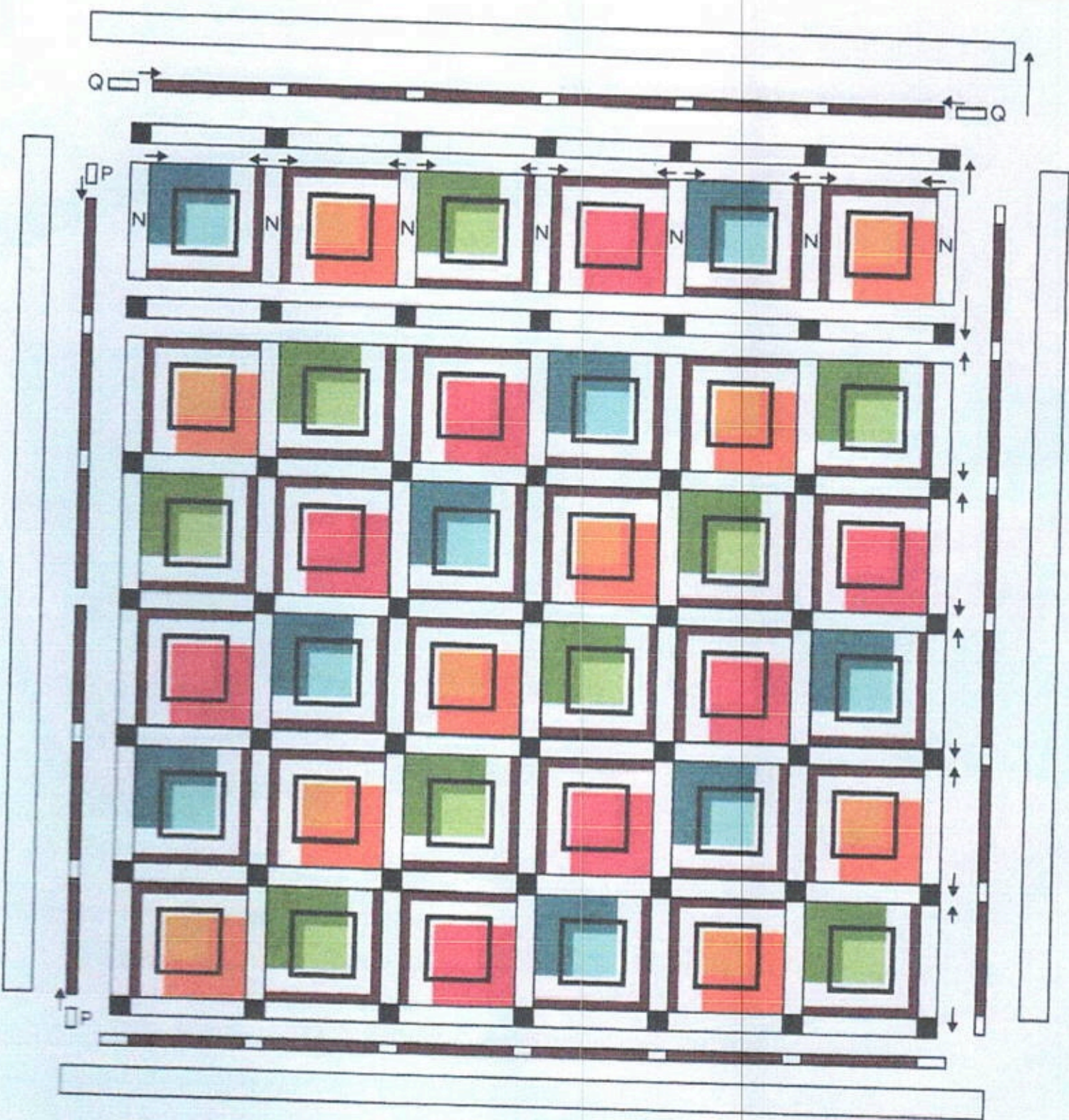


Add the ivory J and K strips, then the brown L and M strips to complete the block (fig. 7). The block should measure 12½" x 12½".

Make 10 blocks of each of the 4 color pairs for the quilt (fig. 8).



Make 10 of each



Quilt assembly