

# Schoolgirl Sampler Sew Along

## Week 4

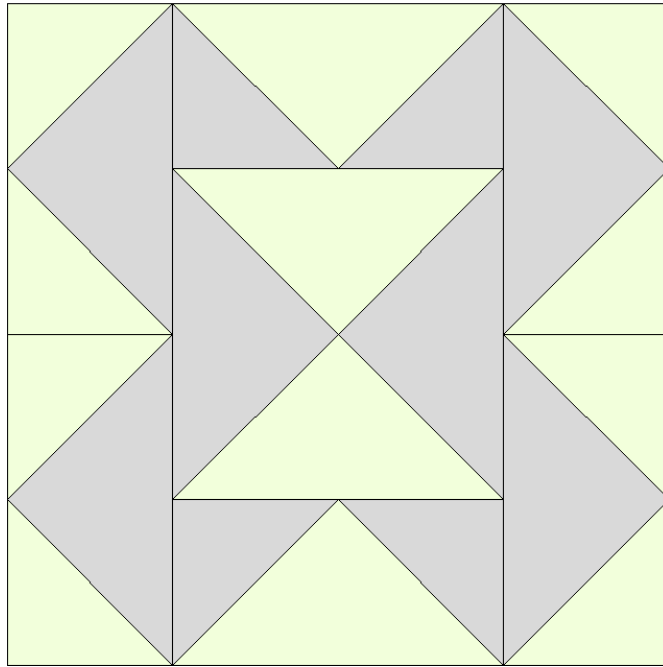
Work on Blocks **19 through 24** on pages 49 - 51 of the Schoolgirl Sampler book. Remember that sewing seams with a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " may help some of you with these blocks.



(Blocks by Sue Bennett)

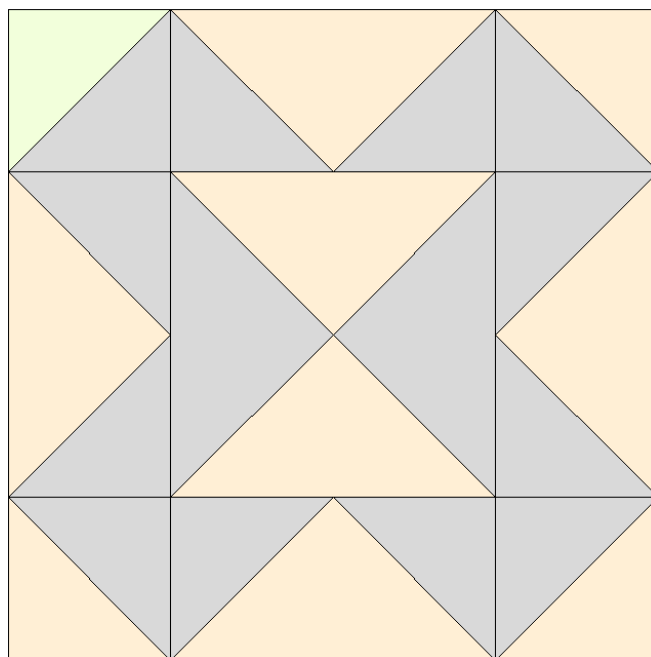
Most of the blocks this week are pretty straightforward. If you have any problems, I'm guessing it will be making Block 23. There are a couple of different ways to make the block that you might find a little easier -

1. Make the center hourglass unit first, according to the directions, and trim to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Then, make six flying geese units ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished, following directions on page 9 in the book). Sew the flying geese around the center piece as shown in the diagram below. (Sorry, I am not savvy enough to know how to draw each piece separately in EQ and show you how to put them together so you'll have to look at the block diagram carefully and read my directions.)



Can you see the six flying geese? Two with a light background, four with a dark background. Cut the rectangles for the flying geese  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$  - two light, four dark. Cut eight squares from light fabric,  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ , and sew to the sides of the dark rectangles. Cut four squares from dark fabric,  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ , and sew to the two light print rectangles. Sew two flying geese units to the top and bottom of the hourglass unit. Then, sew four flying geese together in pairs and stitch the pairs to the sides. You may want to press the seams open.

2. Here's another way to make this block. It's similar to making a sawtooth star, using half-square triangles in the corners instead of corner squares -



Again, make the hourglass center according to the directions. Trim to 2 ½". Make 4 flying geese units and sew these to the sides of the center unit. Then, make four half-square triangles from two light 1 7/8" squares and two dark 1 7/8" squares, following directions on page 8 in the book. Sew these to both ends of the remaining two flying geese units; stitch these units to the top and bottom of the block. Probably best to press your seams open for this one.

Have fun! After you finish the blocks for this week, you'll have made it through a third of the blocks. Yay! Think of all you've learned! The next six blocks will be posted on **Friday, January 29.**