

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS – BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2014

The instructions and patterns for QU 2014 Block of the Month were written by your fellow QU members who participated in the 2013 Road to Florida Challenge. Part of the challenge was to write these instructions so that you can make them in 2014. Most of us had never written instructions for making a quilt block. Each block was tested and edited by a QU member for clarity and length as is done for quilting publications. Thanks to all of the “testers”. The participants agreed that QU members could make their blocks for the Block of the Month and for non-commercial purposes. The 12 winning blocks will be our January through December blocks. There are five additional “bonus blocks”. Make a block for the designated month, bring it to the QU meeting, enter your name in the drawing, and.....hopefully, you will leave the meeting, at least once during the year, with ALL of the blocks for your very own Road to Florida quilt. Make an extra block each month and you will have a Road to Florida Sampler Quilt.

Various blocks will be constructed by different methods.....applique, piecing, foundation paper piecing, fusing, etc. Please refer to QU Library books, the internet (you tube videos are very helpful) and especially ask QU members for help with a technique or work on them together. You can ask the author for help with the block they designed. I think each one would be very pleased.

Here are a few websites:

Applique & Fusing: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/mccallsquilting/articles/Applique>

Foundation paper piecing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2gKMx9CCM>

You Tube Videos for beginners:

<http://www.favequilts.com/Beginner-Basics/6-YouTube-Quilting-Videos-for-Beginners/>

We hope you will honor our own QU designers by making their blocks each month. Quilters from beginner to advanced can learn and enjoy making blocks by their fellow members. A digital calendar page will be beside each monthly instruction as a visual help in making each Road to Florida block. The photos are of the Road to Florida challenge quilts containing the blocks. Print the calendar and instructions if you like. Marsha Walper's Sunshine and Citrus (January '14 BOM) will be published in THE QUILTING QUARTERLY. Hopefully, others will submit their Road to Florida block for publication.

Remember, you can't win the blocks if you don't enter. However, BOM is about learning and participating in your guild. Loved the “can do” attitude of our challenge participants. Many were new to quilting and the challenge, but tackled techniques beyond their comfort zones and learned from the process. You have the opportunity to learn from them. Now find the January instructions and get started!

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