

Mini Mystery Quilt Part 4 of 4 December 2016

Has this been Bear-y fun? Did you figure out that we were making a Patchwork Teddy Bear? This month you will make the top of its head, put all the parts together and add a face.

Cutting Instructions:

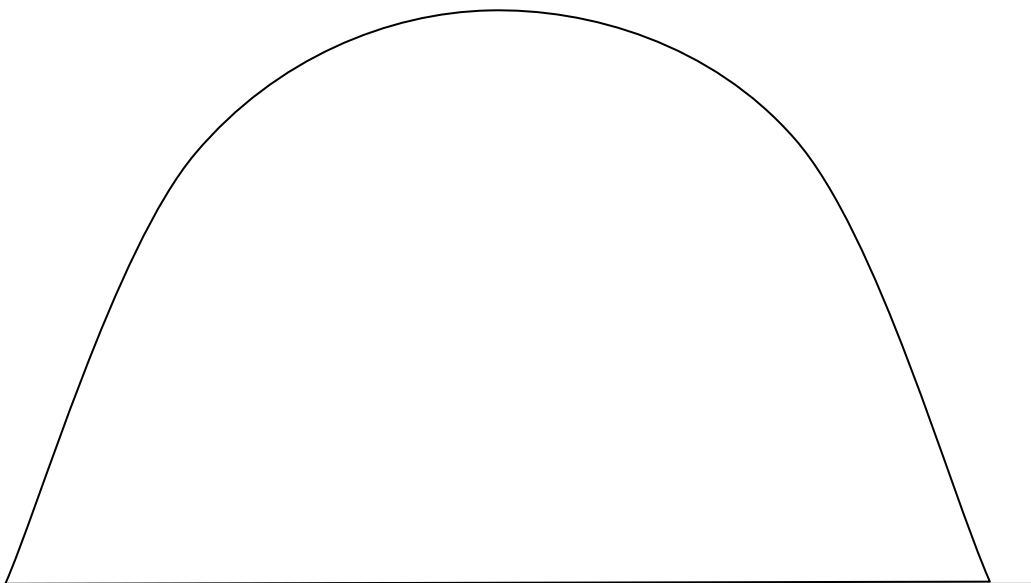
- Cut one 4 1/2 inch squares from a scrap
- Cut twenty four 4 1/2 inch squares from your background fabric (Count up all your left over pieces from previous months only cut enough to have 24 total)
- Cut four scraps about 5 3/4 by 3 1/2 to use for ear flaps with template
- Cut one 4 7/8 inch square of background fabric; cut in half on the diagonal to make 2 triangles
- Cut one 4 7/8 inch square of a scrap fabric; cut in half on the diagonal to make two triangles (**note, if you want to have different fabrics near each ears, cut a second square into triangles and use one triangle of each fabric)

Sewing Instructions

Flaps

Place two different 5 3/4 x 3 1/2 scraps right sides together. Trace the flap template on the wrong side of your scrap. Sew on the line of the curved side only of the flap. Leave the straight side open. Trim leaving 1/4 inch seam allowance around the flap shape. Snip seam allowance around curves being careful not to snip stitching. Turn flap inside right. Press flat (make 2)

Place one triangle of background fabric and one triangle scrap right sides together. Put flap between triangles lining up straight edge of the flap with the long side of the triangle. The straight edge of the flap is about 1/2 inch shorter than the long side of the triangle-- center the flap so there is 1/4 inch on each side. Sew along the edge where the flap straight edge is lined up using 1/4 inch seam allowance. You will be sewing through the background fabric, the scrap fabric, and the flap, sandwiching the flap into the seam between the 2 squares. Press the seam toward the scrap so the flap lays over the background triangle.

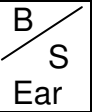
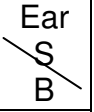


Flap Template

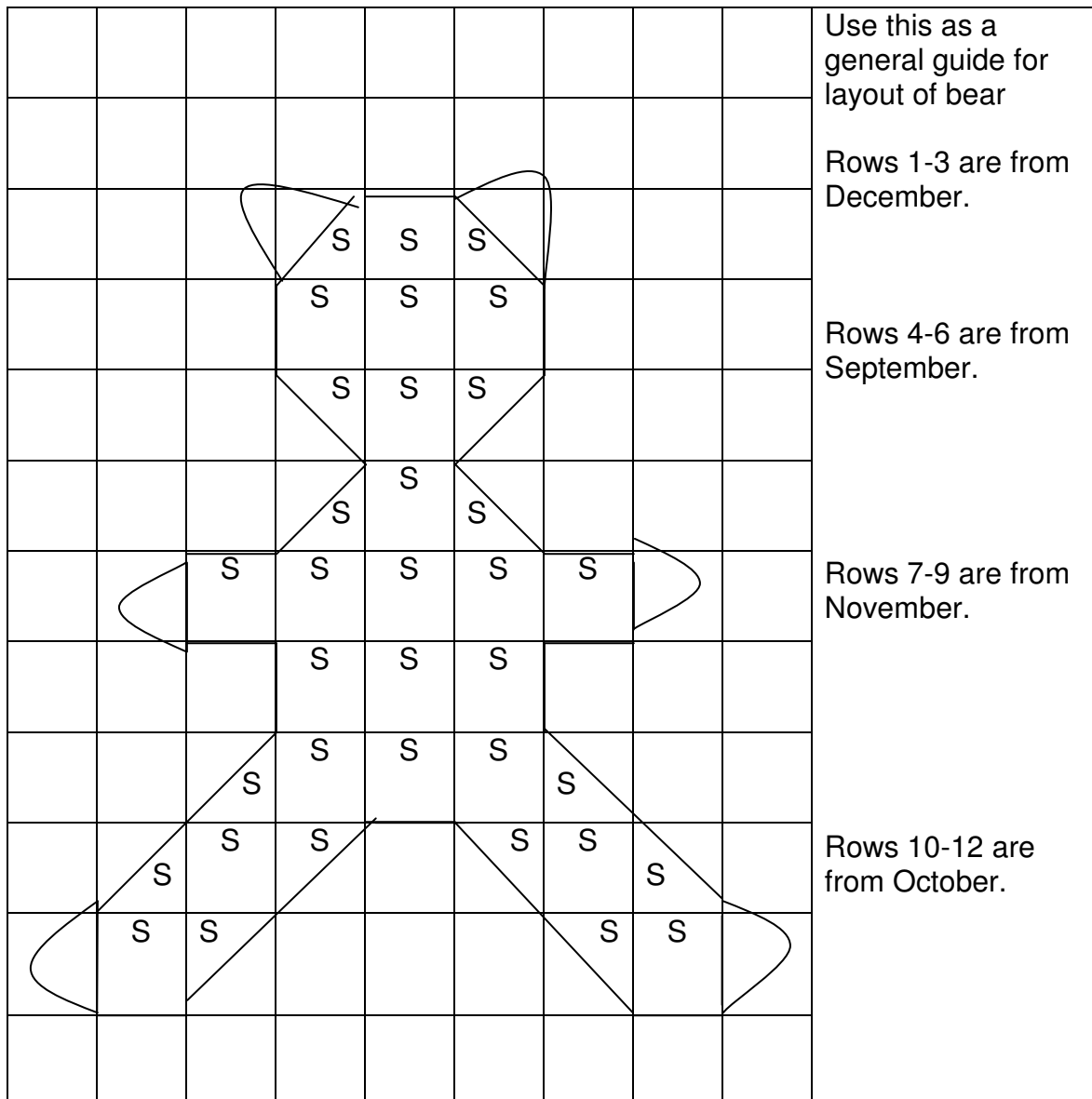
Bottom edge is 5 1/8"

Pattern by Michele Holt of My Quilting Beehive originally created in 2007

Layout for December section

B	B	B	All squares are cut to 4 1/2 and will finish at 4 inches B = 4 1/2 inch square of Background fabric S = 4 1/2 inch square of assorted scraps Ear Units are flaps in half square triangles... position so flap lays over background area and scrap triangle touches the scrap.
B	B	B	
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B	B		Watch your flap to be sure you do not sew it into an adjacent seam.
B	B	S	Assemble each column (9 squares top to bottom), then sew columns together.
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B	B	B	Press seams as indicated in bottom row of chart to insure seams will be opposite directions when we are ready for the final assembly. In order to help flaps lay flat, you will need to press seams toward the scrap fabric. You will need to adjust the seam around these accordingly.
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1 ↓	2 ↑	3 ↓	Press row one and three seams down, row 2 seams up

Once you have completed December's section, layout the bear as follows
 Note that I had you assemble rows sideways to help keep the final picture a mystery



Sorry the curves are so crooked...it's not easy to draw on a computer... but I think you get the general idea.... email if you have questions! Photo available at www.myquiltingbeehive.com

Once your blocks are assembled, add a face to finish the bear. Buttons would make cute eyes, but may be a choking hazard. You can machine appliqué, hand appliqué, or just use fabric paint to draw a face in.

Optional... add one more row of Background squares on bottom to balance with the top 2 rows