

# Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

## August 2018

### Block of the Month

Due September 6, 2018

*"A" is for Apple Core*



"A" is for Apple Core is the name of August's Block of the Month. With summer marking its half way point, the Sebastopolians are ramping up for the harvest of Gravenstein apples, a crop that the area was once well known for. If you have ever cooked, dried and/or eaten a "Grav", you know there is no other apple like the "Grav". In honor of these heritage apples, the August BOM is "A" is for Apple Core.

The Apple Core block deviates from the Ultra Violet color scheme for 2018. Use 4 contrasting colors for the block, including a darker color (black, brown, or shades of) for the stem. Have fun creating this block with whimsical, scrappy or traditional fabrics.

Block is 6 ½" x 8" unfinished.

#### **Cut the following: (Color refers to the above image)**

- Color A (Print/dark): Cut 2 – 2" x 6 ½" strips
- Color B (Gold/medium): Cut 2 – 2" x 6 ½" strips
- Color C (white/light): Cut 8 – 2" squares and 2 – 2" x 3 1/8" strips
- Color D (black/brown): Cut 1 – 1 ¼" x 2" strip

#### **Sewing:**

Using ¼" seam allowance, sew the block following the step by step instructions.



1. Lightly mark a diagonal line corner to corner on all 8 – 2” squares.
2. Following the example, lay a square on each end of the 6 ½” strips. Pin and sew on diagonal line.
3. Trim excess ¼” from diagonal line. Press triangles toward the outer edge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rows. Press triangles away from the outer edge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> rows. By doing this, each row will nest when sewn together.
4. Sew black strip to 3 1/8” strips. Press background fabric towards the stem. (Refer to top row 1)



1. Sew row 2 to row 3; press seam to darker fabric.
2. Sew row 4 to row 5; press seam to darker fabric.
3. Sew rows 2/3 unit to rows 4/5 unit; press seam open.
4. Sew rows 2/3/4/5 unit to row 1; press seam towards stem.

Enjoy the block and a Gravenstein Apple, too!