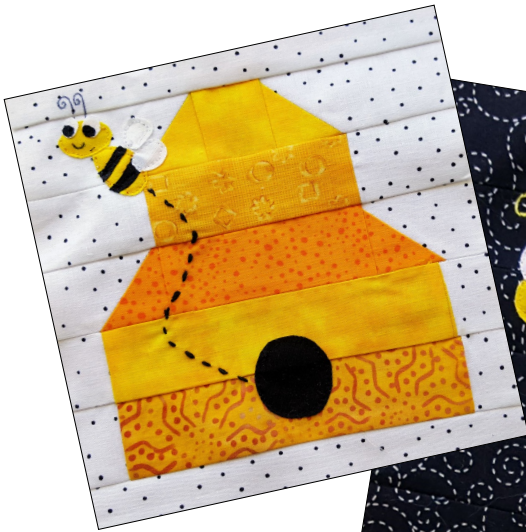
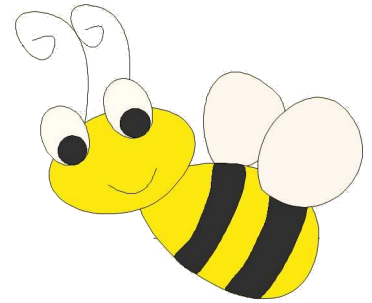


# Bee Hive Block



Bee Hive is a block that finishes at 6", 9" or 12". You can make your Bee Hive block scrappy or not, as you like! The optional applique hive entrance and honey bee can be finished using your favorite applique method.

# Block Fabric Requirements

## Fabric Requirements (6" finished)

### Yellow Scraps

(2) 1-1/2" x 5-1/2"

(2) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2"

(1) 1-1/2" square

(4) 1-1/2" A squares

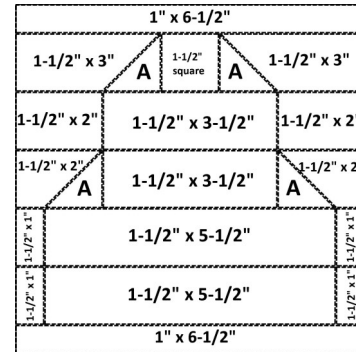
### Background

(2) 1" x 6-1/2"

(2) 1-1/2" x 3"

(4) 1-1/2" x 2"

(4) 1-1/2" x 1"



## Fabric Requirements (9" finished)

### Yellow Scraps

(2) 1-1/2" x 7-1/2"

(2) 1-1/2" x 5-1/2"

(2) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2"

(1) 1-1/2" square

(6) 1-1/2" A squares

### Background

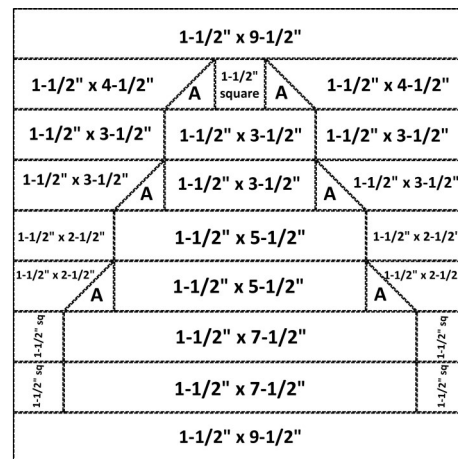
(2) 1-1/2" x 9-1/2"

(2) 1-1/2" x 4-1/2"

(4) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2"

(4) 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"

(4) 1-1/2" squares



## Fabric Requirements (12" finished)

### Yellow Scraps

(2) 1-1/2" x 9-1/2"

(3) 1-1/2" x 7-1/2"

(3) 1-1/2" x 5-1/2"

(1) 1-1/2" x 3-1/2"

(6) 1-1/2" A squares

### Background

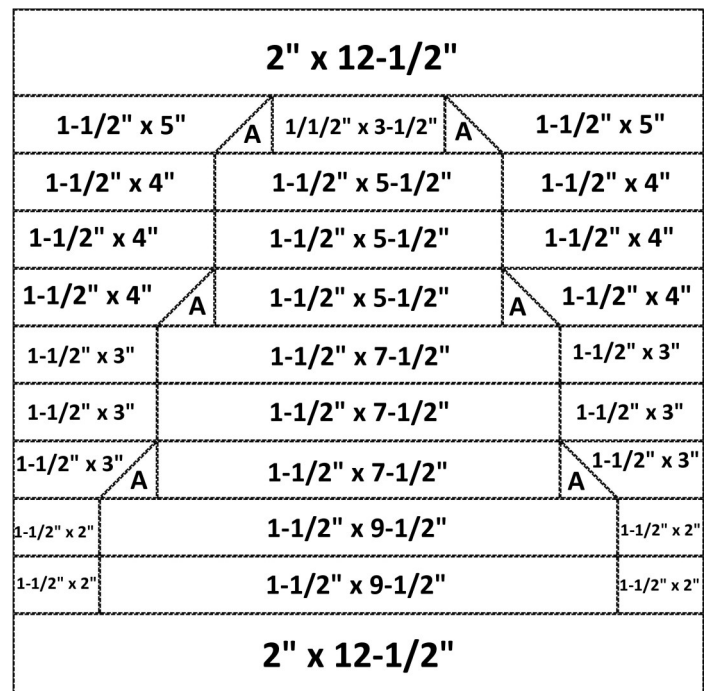
(2) 2" x 12-1/2"

(2) 1-1/2" x 5"

(6) 1-1/2" x 4"

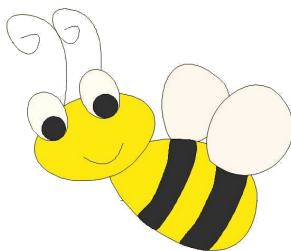
(6) 1-1/2" x 3"

(4) 1-1/2" x 2"



# Applique Fabric Requirements

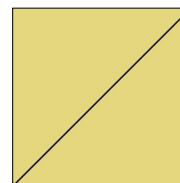
- Fabric scraps—black, yellow, white
- Fusible web
- Black floss
- Sharpie ultra fine



Applique	Name	Fabric Color
J	Left Wing	White
K	Hive Opening	Black
L	Bee Body	Yellow
M	Bee Head	Yellow
N, O	Eyeballs	White
P, Q	Irises	Black
R, S	Stripes	Black
T	Right Wing	White

## Block Assembly

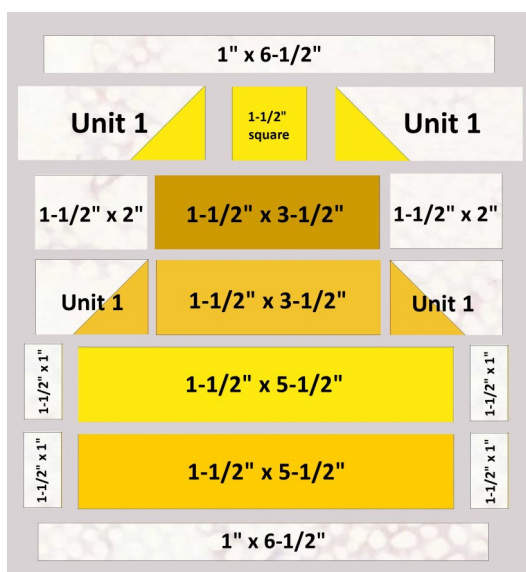
1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of each of the A squares.



2. Place the A square on the associated background rectangle, right sides together. (See the Fabric Requirements diagrams on page 2 for help.) Sew on the drawn line to create a Unit 1.



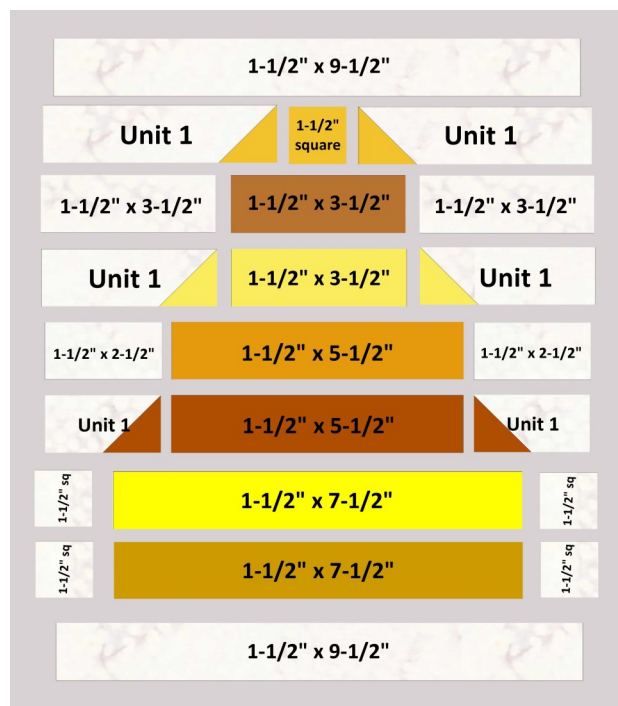
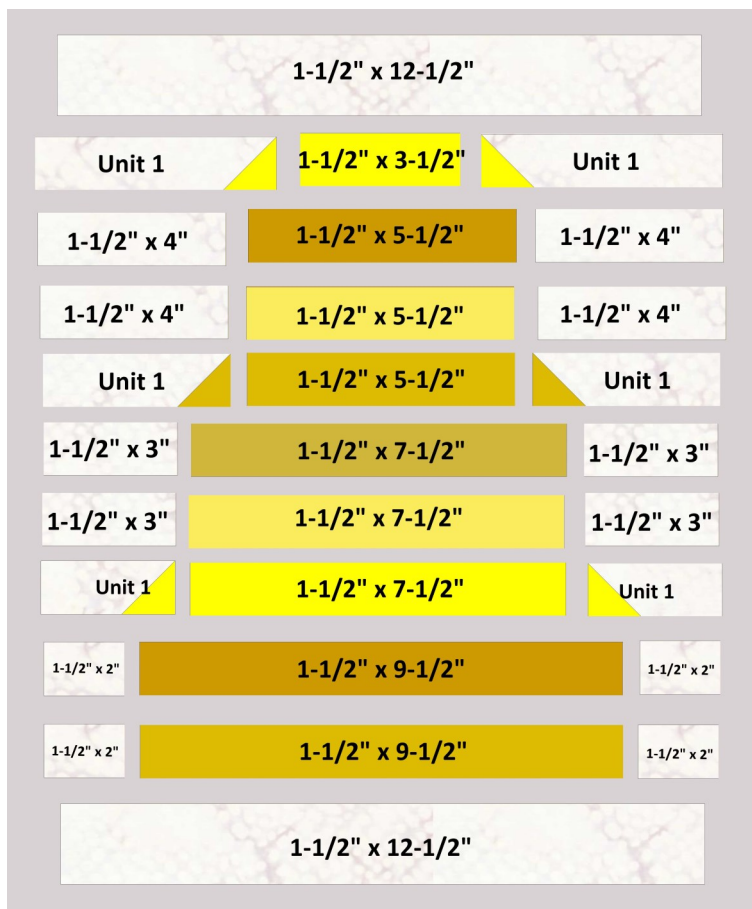
3. Press, flipping the A square back onto the background rectangle as shown.



6" Block Assembly Diagram

4. Repeat Step 3 for each of the A squares and associated rectangles to create additional Unit 1s as needed for the size block you chose. (See Block Assembly diagrams for help.)
5. Use the Block Assembly diagrams to sew up the block.
6. Your block should measure 12-1/2" square, 9-1/2" square, or 6-1/2" square depending on the block size you decided to make. Trim your block as needed to square it up.





9" Block Assembly Diagram

12" Block Assembly Diagram

## Applique Assembly

1. If you're adding the applique hive entrance and bee to your block, use this table to gather the fabric scraps you'll need.
2. Prepare applique patches for raw-edge applique by applying fusible to the back of your fabric scraps following manufacturer's directions.
3. Print and cut out applique templates roughly by cutting along the dotted lines.
4. Pin applique templates to the right side of fabric scraps and cut out along solid lines.
5. I like to assemble parts of the applique on an applique pressing sheet, then fuse in place on the hive block when I'm ready. If you want to do that too, lay an applique pressing sheet on your ironing board and assemble the eyes by carefully placing the pupils in place. Cover with another pressing sheet to protect your iron, and fuse in place following manufacturer's directions.
6. Repeat Step 4 to fuse the stripes on the bee's body and the eyes on the bee's head.

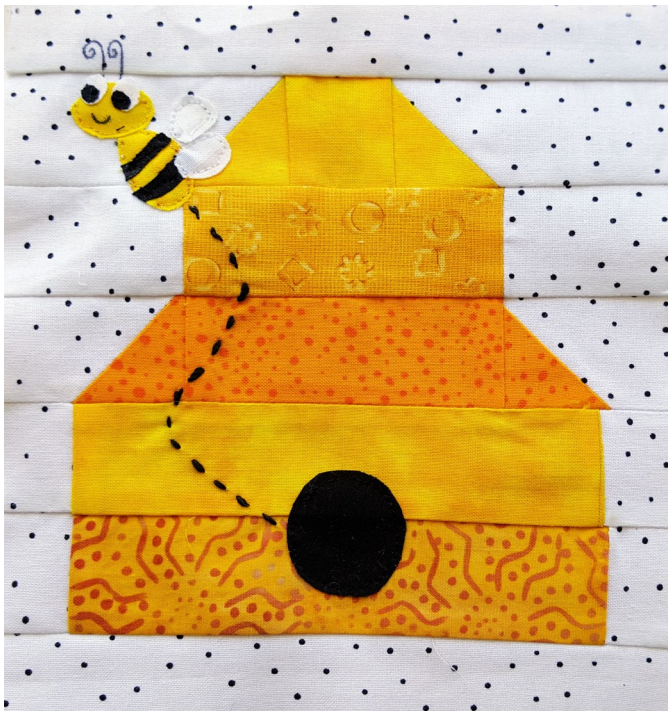


7. Position the bee's head, body and wings on the applique pressing sheet. When you're satisfied with the arrangement, fuse the pieces together as shown.



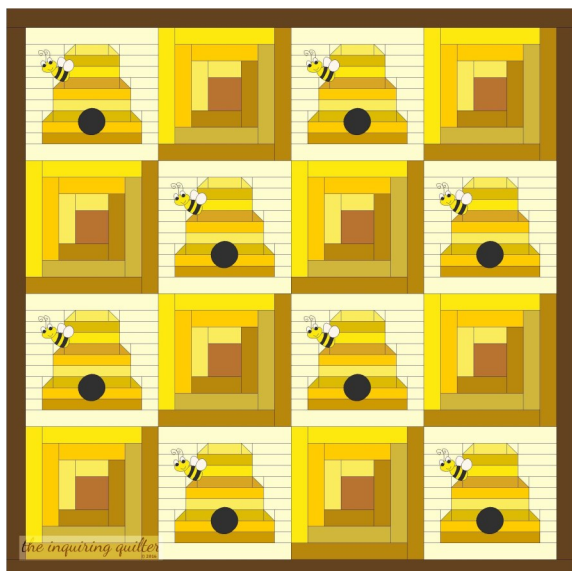
8. Add decorative stitching for the bee's flight path. I positioned the assembled bee and hive entrance on the block so I could judge their final positions. Then I used a chalk marker to mark a path from the hive entrance to the bee and set both of the appliques aside while I created the flight path.

To create the path, I used 6 strands of DMC embroidery floss in Black #320 and a running stitch. To create a running stitch, bring floss up at A, then down at B. Bring floss back up at C and down at D. Repeat. Notice the spacing between A and B is the same as between B and C.



9. Fuse the assembled bee on the Bee Hive block as shown. Fuse the hive entrance on the Bee Hive block as well. I hid the beginning and end of the path under the appliques by positioning them accordingly.
10. Your fusible should hold the applique in place permanently, but if desired you can finish the edges by stitching around them with matching thread with a decorative stitch or straight stitch.
11. Although you can embroider the bee's smile and antennae, I find it much easier to use a Sharpie, especially on the smaller-sized blocks. Because I used a black background on the 12" block, I used Sulky 12 wt. Cotton Petites in Sun Yellow #712-1124 and a backstitch to embroider the antennae instead of using a Sharpie. Add the bee's smile and antennae using your favorite method.





You're block is done! Use it on the front of a zippered pouch or tote bag to create a quick gift for a quilty friend, or make several and create a quilt! I love how the block looks when alternated with these simple log cabin blocks, although you could use any favorite block.

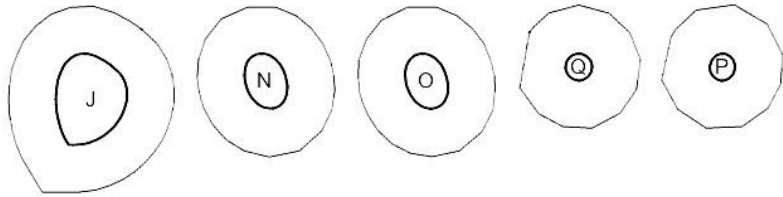
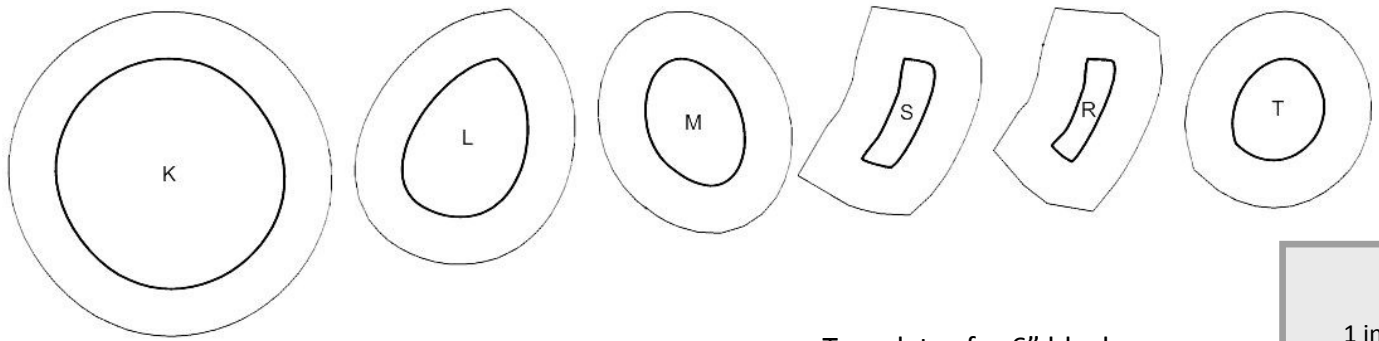


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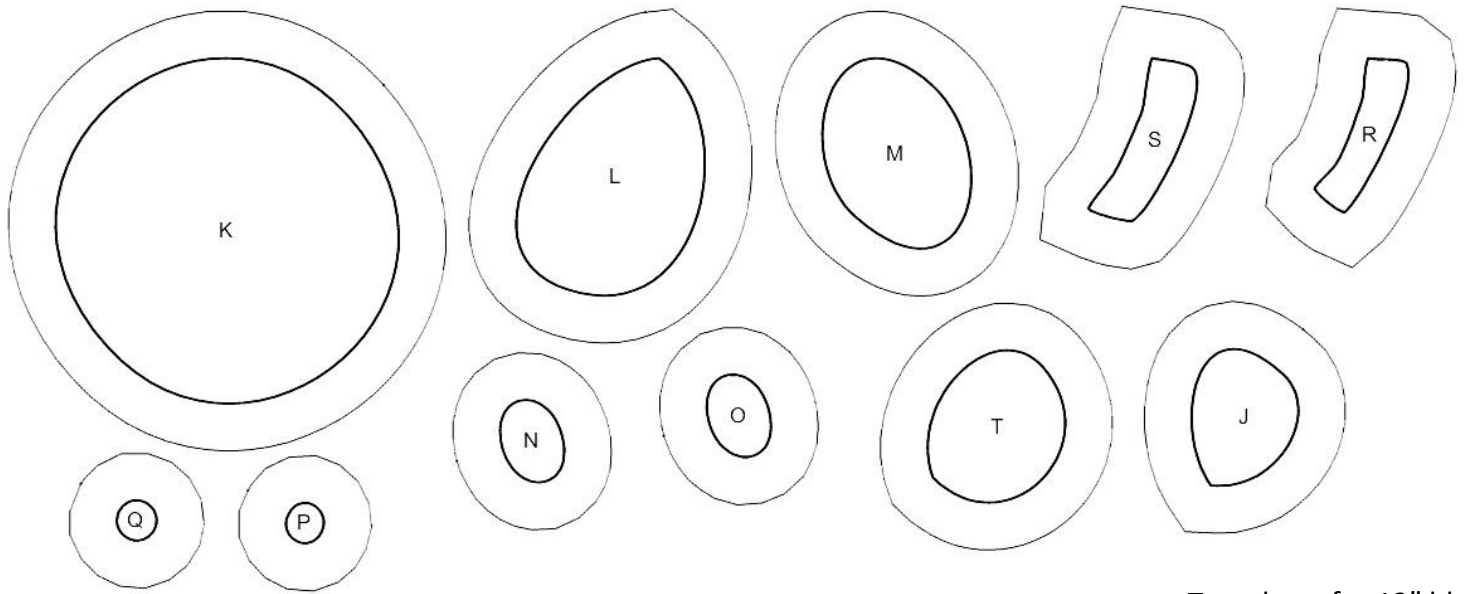
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Templates for 9" block



Templates for 12" block

