

**Please bring your completed Block 1 to the October Zoom meeting to share.**

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Block 2: Here Comes the Sun

George Harrison wrote "Here Comes the Sun" in 1969 at the house of his friend [Eric Clapton](#), in response to the dark mood surrounding the Beatles. He was under quite a great deal of personal stress during this time with a surgery to remove his tonsils, an arrest for possession of drugs, and learning that his mother had terminal cancer. That winter was the worst recorded in England and the demands of Apple records were making recording feel "like school". He wrote, "The relief of not having to go see all those dopey accountants was wonderful, and I walked around the garden with one of Eric's acoustic guitars and wrote "Here Comes the Sun".” The times we are going through call for the optimism of his beautiful song. Have a listen and feel the weight on your shoulders lift a little bit.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQetemT1sWc>

Remember the instructions:

- Choose a favorite color palette of fabrics in a variety of values to use on all the blocks that you create. Use your scraps! This month you'll want to include sunshine in your color choices.
- Each month we will post a new Beatles song with prompts and inspirations for your block. **You have the option of following the instructions for a block that we choose or creating your own design inspired by the song.**
- All squares will be either 18 ½ inches or 12 ½ “ unfinished; your choice. If you feel like you might not complete all the months you might prefer the larger size.
- We will ask that you share your completed block each month on Zoom and then keep your blocks to put together in a quilt of your own design.

Here is the link to the Sunshine Star by Sherri McConell. It's very much like Block 1 with HSTs and I promise to mix it up next month:)

[https://bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/media/uploads/2020/01/24/files/BH3\\_2-Sherri-McConnell-Sunshine-Star1.pdf](https://bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/media/uploads/2020/01/24/files/BH3_2-Sherri-McConnell-Sunshine-Star1.pdf)

The directions are for a 12” finished or 12 ½” unfinished block.

If you make an 18” finished or 18 ½” unfinished block, your square sizes are

A- 5”

B- 5 ½”

Trim your HSTs to 5 “

If you'd like a paper pieced alternative, try this 12 ½ in Sunshine Block.



<https://www.gathered.how/sewing-and-quilting/quilting/sweet-sunshine-quilt-block-pattern/>

