

2016 “Brown Bag” Mystery Quilt – Clue 3

It's time to cut up the fabric in the Brown Bag *!

* If you didn't get a brown bag at www.patreon.com/simplycolorful, here's what you need:

1 panel of Hoffman's SuperNova Onyx (or Ombre color) – S#P4287 Jeanie Sumrall-Ajero c. 2016.

Other Special Supplies Needed

In addition to the SuperNova panel, you'll need:

- Printer & paper
- 85 small safety pins
- White or light-colored marking pencil
- Black or dark-colored marking pencil
- Cutting mat, ruler, and sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle and thread
- 2 Self-Adhesive Laminating Sheets (Avery #461253/73601) (optional)

The Process

In this clue we will cut 85 pieces from the mystery fabric panel (Hoffman SuperNova Onyx or Ombre).

Success depends on the placement of those 85 pieces. Specifically, you'll

- draw the pieces on the fabric following a “layout plan,”
- label each piece (with paper and pin) BEFORE cutting, and
- cut out the pieces. *

*** IMPORTANT – once you've pinned the label onto each piece, DO NOT remove the label and pin until the quilt top is sewn together.**

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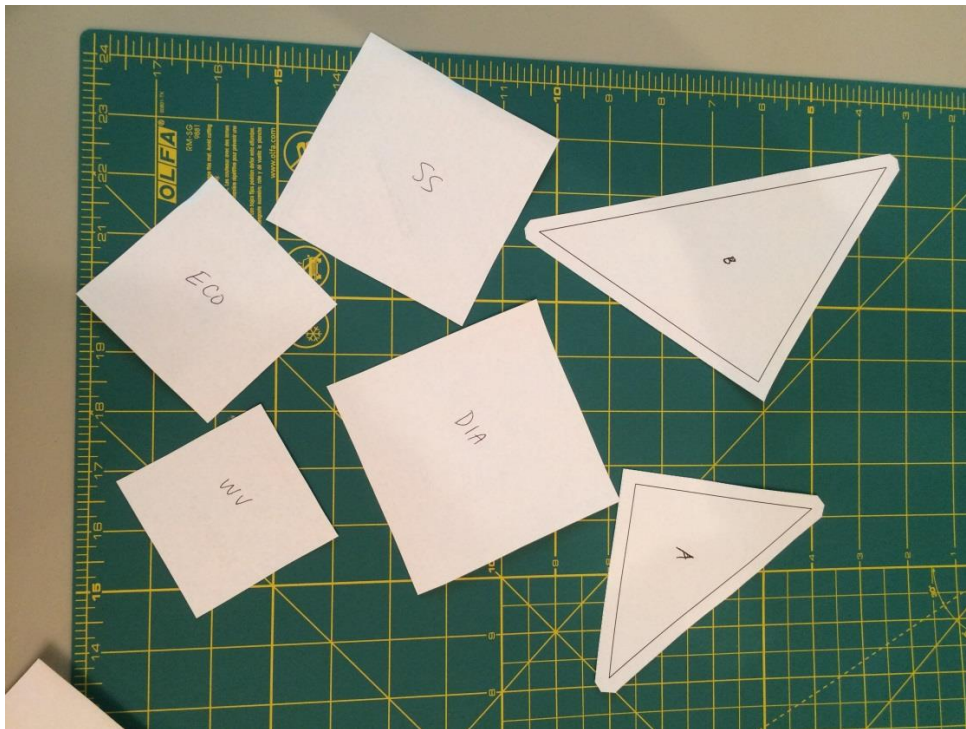
The Templates

There are six (6) shapes that we'll be tracing and cutting out of the SuperNova panel.

The 6 shapes are called:

- WV
- SS
- DIA
- ECO
- A Triangle
- B Triangle

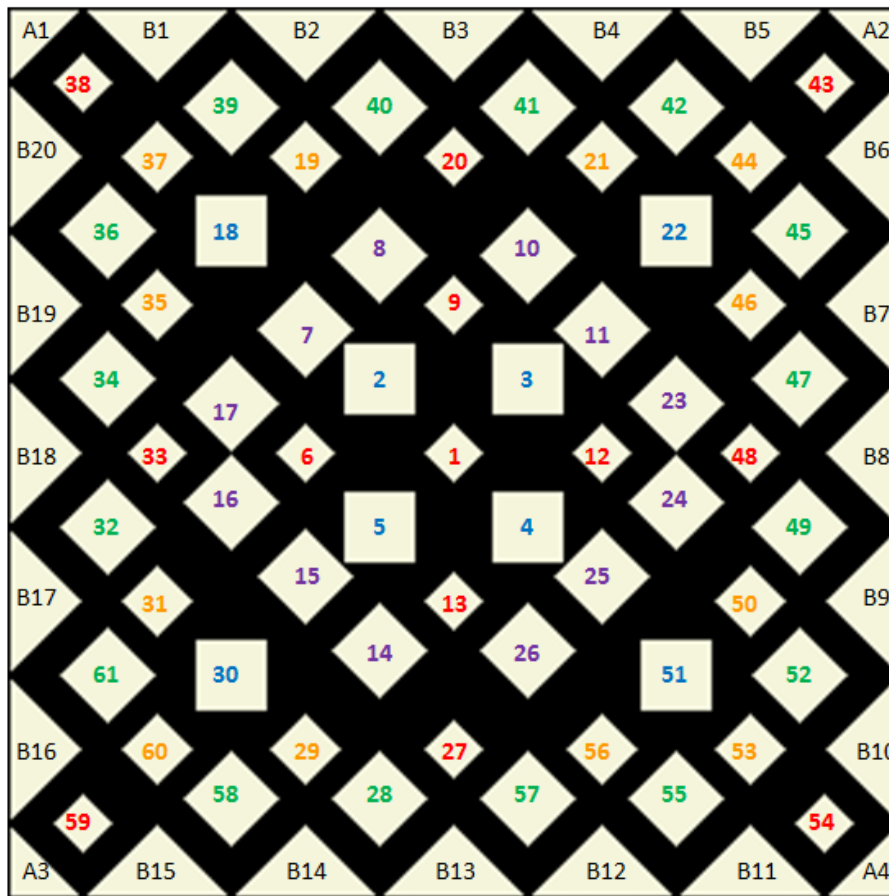
Print the BrownBagSuperNovaTemplate.PDF file, cut out the shapes, then laminate. (Make sure your printer isn't set to "fit to page" so as not to distort the size.) MAKE SURE TO KEEP THE SEAM ALLOWANCE ON EACH SHAPE.



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The Layout Plan

Place the SuperNova panel on a flat, large surface and begin tracing the shapes onto the fabric, following this layout diagram.



Weather Vane (WV)

13

Storm at Sea (SS)

Outer = 16

Inner = 12

Diamond in Square (DIA)

8

Economy (ECO) Inner

12

Total = 61 squares

Plus

4 A Triangles

20 B Triangles

I recommend drawing the A and B triangles around the outside edge first, then trace the WV shape in the middle, then build the shapes in from both directions so the pieces end up being distributed evenly across the panel.

Use the dark marking pencil on the lighter parts of the panel. Use the light pencil on the dark parts of the panel. This will make it easier to see where to cut.

PLEASE DON'T START CUTTING YET.

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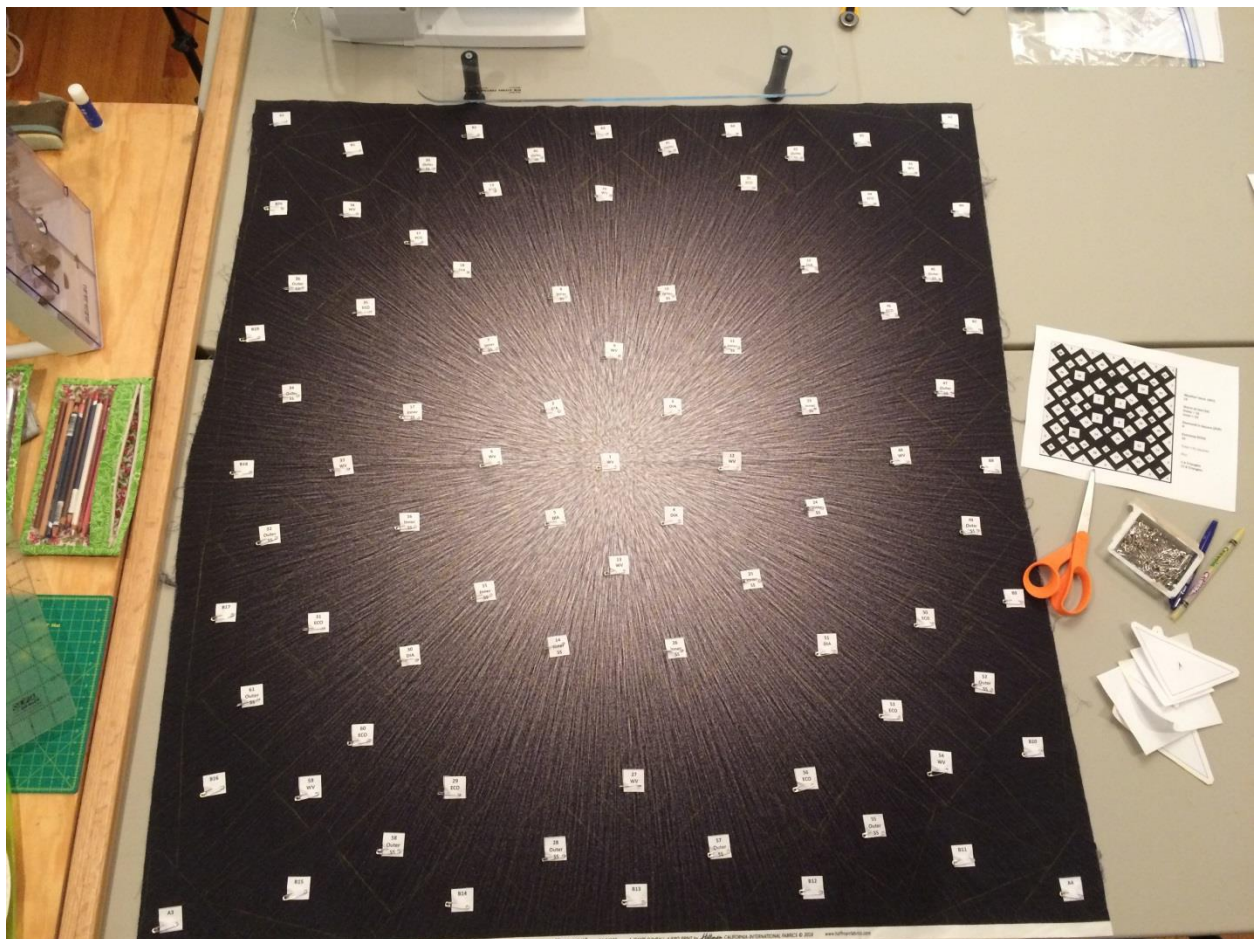
85 Labels and Pins

This is a VERY important step.

Print out the 85 Labels for Brown Bag Mystery Quilt.pdf, then cut each label, and find your safety pins.

Pin each tag to its respective piece on the SuperNova panel, all facing the same way. (Meaning you can read all the Labels from one side of the panel.)

Your panel will look like this:



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Cut Out 85 Pieces

Now you can cut out all the pieces. Be generous in your cutting – leave extra fabric on the squares and triangles where possible. These don't have to be exact. They will be used in paper piecing and/or cleaned up at a later date.



Put your pieces into plastic bags by type. **Remember: DO NOT remove the label and pin until the quilt top is sewn together.**



Keep the extra fabric from the panel – just in case.

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WeatherVane Blocks – Make 13

I bet you thought we were done for the week.

Not quite. I wanted to include directions for the WeatherVane blocks because they'll take a long time to make. These are part paper-pieced and part hand-sewn!

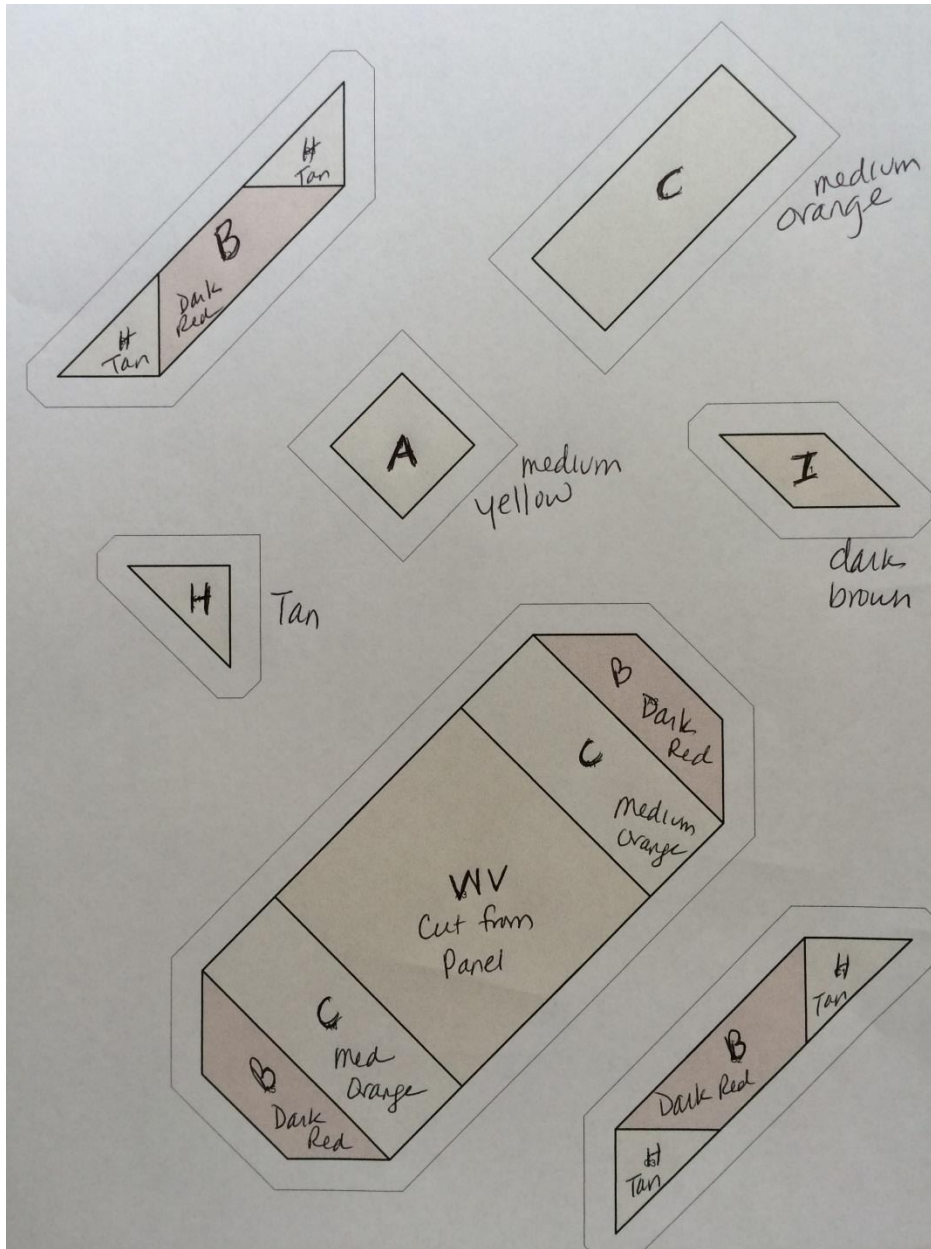
Make 13 of these. The finished block will measure 5" x 5". (yep, small!) **PLEASE NOTE: THE LABEL REMAINS ON THE BLOCK CENTER before, during, and after the block is constructed.**



You may want to do the machine paper piecing of all 13 blocks, and then hand sew the rest of each block during car rides or in front of the TV at night.

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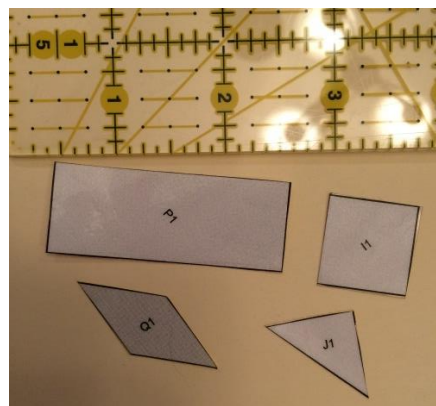
Print out 13 copies of the WV Paper Piecing Pattern.pdf. Cut out the paper-piecing parts. (3 per block, so you'll have 39 papers to piece) (Below isn't to scale.)



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Laminate 1 each of the tiny square, diamond, rectangle, and triangle templates. Cut them out ON THE PIECING LINE – eliminate the seam allowance.

Here's a picture of the laminated templates with a ruler so you can see how tiny they are. Use these to trace the stitching line onto the back of the pieces that will be hand stitched. (Throw away the tiny piece templates from the remaining 12 other printouts.)

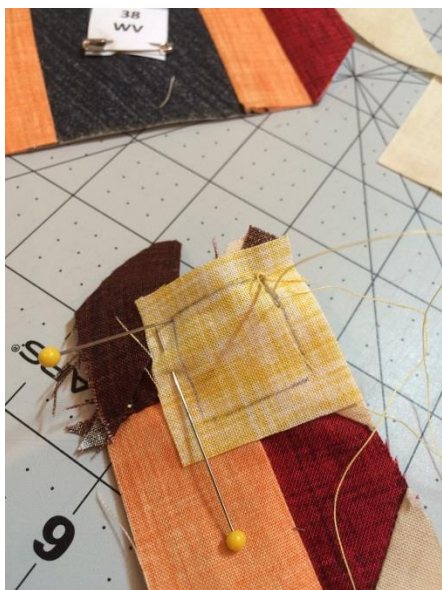


Cut out the following fabrics:

Center square	Use the WV squares cut from the panel	13
Tiny corner squares	Color A (Medium Yellow in my case)	52 -- 1.5" X 1.5" squares (hand trace the tiny square on the back of all 52)
Tiny diamonds in each corner	Color I (Dark Brown in my case)	104 -- 1.5" X 2" rectangles (hand trace the diamond on the back of all 104)
Inner border	Color C (Medium Orange in my case)	52 -- 1.5" X 3" rectangles (hand trace the rectangle on 26 of these)
Outer border	Color B (Dark Red in my case)	52 -- 1.5" X 3" rectangles
Outer triangles	Color H (Light Tan in my case)	Cut 52 – 2" x 2" squares and then cut them diagonally for 104 triangles. (hand trace triangle on 52 of the these)

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Assemble the blocks as shown below. Yes, there are Y-seams. (Sorry!)



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