

MONTHLY MYSTERY BLOCK
CARSON VALLEY QUILT GUILD
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March is the beginning of Spring and I'm in a "spring" mood. With spring in mind, I've picked a block called Sunny Lanes. It makes for some very interesting sets.

Please follow this month's color placement, as it'll make for a very nice fresh look. The background is neutral; the triangles in **green**, and the 4 patches are neutral and **yellow**.

I strip pieced my 4-patch units. For the triangle units I cut the 4 blocks as directed of 3-7/8" square, marked my cutting line on the back of the neutral fabric, sewed a scant 1/4" on either side of the drawn line and voila, 8 half square triangles made in no time. For further instructions on piecing multiple units utilizing a grid system there are a few internet sites that have instructions with downloadable printed paper grid:

http://quilting.about.com/od/piecingtechniques/ss/grid_triangles.htm

<http://www.blockcentral.com/a-halfsquaretrianglepaper.shtml>

The blocks and simple sets will be posted each month on the Carson Valley Quilt Guild website. If you need to see actual color placement you'll be able to access the files at <http://cvqg.com/>. I'm using Electric Quilt 7 for drawing blocks and simple sets. If you'd like, I can email a file to you. Please contact me each month for the file.

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