

## Seymour Quilters' Guild Block of the Month - April 2026

### Darting Birds

#### Fabric Requirements:

Colour 1 (white background):

Cut (3) 4" squares for HSTs

Cut (1) 3½" x 3½"

Colour 2 (green):

Cut (3) 4" squares for HSTs

Colour 3 (orange):

Cut (2) 3½" x 3½" square for the focus fabric.



#### Step 1 (HSTs):

Take your 4" squares of the white and green fabrics to make the HSTs. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the white background squares and place right sides together on top of the green squares. Sew on each side of the diagonal line. Cut apart. Press seams open. Trim to 3½" x 3½". You will have 6 HSTs.

#### Step 2 (Assembly of the block):



Take all of your pieces and layout the pieces as set out in the photo above like a nine patch. Pay careful attention to the orientation of the HSTs.

Sew the three horizontal rows together. Press the seams for the top and bottom rows to the outsides, and the middle row towards the centre. Join the rows together and Ta Da! You have now made the Darting Bird block. The unfinished block will be 9½" x 9½" (which will be a 9" x 9" finished block).

This block is another old block from the 1930's. This pattern was published by Florence LaGanke in the 1930s, and was part of the *Nancy Page Quilt Club* series.

I saw an old quilt of this block where the background was all in pink, and the birds were all in various colours which made for a beautiful quilt.

You can also check out variations of this block on Youtube under Fabric406. Here is a weblink: <https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/darting-birds-a-beginner-friendly-traditional-quilt-block-tutorial>

### **Sampler Quilt**

Since October 2025, I have demonstrated and provided detailed instructions for eight blocks that are now on the Seymour Quilters Guild website under Block of the Month. I would be very interested to get your feedback on the various blocks and whether you have had the opportunity to make any of them. I am hoping that the blocks demonstrated can be put into a sampler quilt using whatever fabric choices you like, as it will be your quilt. You can email me directly at [frank-susanne@shaw.ca](mailto:frank-susanne@shaw.ca).

Happy Quilting!

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