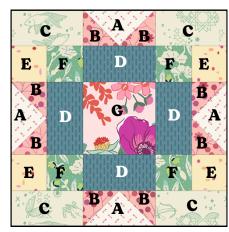
The Weekly Whim | Block 3: A Hopeful Maple

Welcome to *The Weekly Whim*, a weekly quilt block series stitched one block at a time with scraps, stories, and a gentle focus on becoming.

Today's block is called A Hopeful Maple, our scrappy take on the traditional Maple Star. Like its inspiration, it features flying geese and a framed center square, but this version brings a little extra hope for quilters still finding their wings with geese.

By starting oversized, our flying geese overlap with generous margins, making them easy to trim down for crisp points every time. It's a friendly, forgiving method that gives accuracy and consistency without the stress. With its starry feel and framed center, A Hopeful Maple is the perfect place to spotlight a favorite fabric. And as always—perfection is the beacon, but the joy is in the journey.



12" finished

My Standard Note About Fabric Choices

In this series, I lean into building a scrappy quilt one block at a time. The more fabrics you use (within reason), the more variety you'll have to scatter across future blocks, which helps the finished quilt feel cohesive and "sensical." That said, using fewer fabrics is perfectly acceptable too – choose the balance that feels right for you.

Cutting Instructions (for one block):

- A: (1) 5 1/2" square (oversized)
- \cdot B: (4) 3 1/8" squares (oversized) Draw a diagonal line on the back of each.
- C: (4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
- D: (4) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
- E: (4) 2 1/2" squares
- F: (4) 2 1/2" squares
- G: (1) 4 1/2" square

For complete instructions for creating this and other *The Weekly Whim* sampler blocks, follow along at *A Scrappy Little Joy* YouTube channel under *The Weekly Whim* playlist. Subscribe for weekly blocks and simple, scrappy inspiration.

I'd love to see your block! Come join is at the *A Scrappy Little Joy* Facebook group or tag me on Instagram @serendipitywoods #theweeklywhim #ascrappylittlejoy