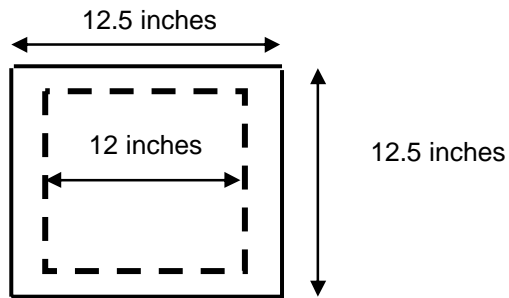


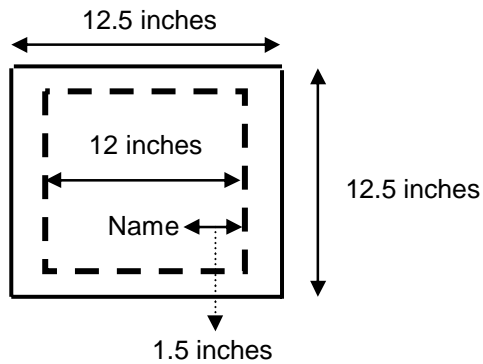
“2008 Birds of a Feather Quilt” Block Directions

Please feel free to use any color(s) in your pieced block. However, all fabrics must be 100 percent cotton. **No silks, synthetics, or wool.** Please pre-wash (which will pre-shrink the fabric, remove the sizing, and any extra Dye, because we do not want our beautiful quilt blocks to bleed into other blocks) all fabrics prior to using, so that the quilt may be professionally laundered prior to delivering it to the lucky winner. If you are using vivid colors, you may want to add some white vinegar to your rinse water to set the colors and minimize bleeding. Check with your local fabric store for how much vinegar to add to the water. You may hand or machine piece your quilt block. Appliqués are welcome as are embroidered pieces. **However, we are requesting that you do not submit blocks with a logo or heat transferred designs.** Please do not feel limited to preparing a block that depicts a bird. Remember, that while the theme of the quilt is “Birds of a Feather,” you can do a traditional pieced block. For example, you may make a nine patch quilt block using fabrics that have birds printed on them.

The quilt block you submit **must not** be backed with fabric or filler as filler and backing will be added by AHN after the quilt blocks have been pieced together. Submitted blocks must be 12.5 inches square. This means that you are allowing a one quarter inch seam allowance around each block. See the following drawing for clarification.



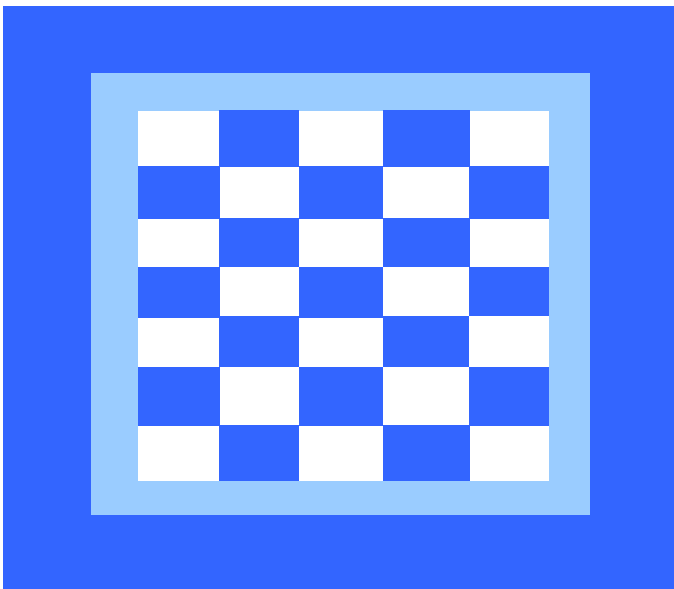
If you want to sign your block, please do so in the lower left-hand corner. However, please end the lettering so that your information will be at least one and one-half inches in from any finished edge. This will allow room for any necessary adjustments in the final piecing and insure that your name is not lost in the seam. For clarification, please see the example below.



The finished quilt is anticipated to be approximately 68 inches wide by 92 inches long. For those of you who are curious about the proposed final quilt layout, please see the diagram below. Initially, the blue blocks represent where

your quilt block will go. The white blocks are “border” blocks that will be done in blues. However, as more quilt blocks come in the “border” blocks will be replaced by quilters’ blocks. Please note that the diagram below is the proposed idea for the quilt block layout. The layout will be subject to change based upon your response to our quilt block request and the speed with which your block is received. Again, please note that **the final block and sash layout may change** depending on the number of pieced quilt blocks we receive.

Proposed Quilt Dimensions:



Width 12*5 60 inches
Length 12*7 84 inches
Inner Border 1 inch
Outer Border 3 inches
Total border 4 inches around the entire quilt.

Finished Quilt Measurement:

68 x 92 inches

If you do want to place your name or block dedication on the quilt, you may sign it on the *back of the block and not on the front*, and put it at the bottom less than ¼” from the edge, so it is sewed into the seam. **PLEASE** use a pen that will not wash out and is fabric friendly. Do not use a Sharpie as they do not produce a fine enough line to accommodate a small space. It would be a shame to ruin your block and possibly other blocks with ink bleed out. There are several suitable pens. Please check with your local quilt or fabric store for suggestions. However, one suggestion is a Pigma pen. Any quilt blocks that are submitted and do not meet the requirements of signature on the back, less than ¼” from the edge, will not be able to placed in the quilt.