



Summer Stitchin' Sew Along

First, let me say how happy I am that you've decided to join me on this summer sewing journey! This quilt looks super complicated, but broken out into bite size pieces, we will create something that looks super complex, but totally doable!

One thing to note, we have a Facebook Group where all of us are stitching along. Please make sure to join that page as I will be dropping video links there. It's also a great place to see how others are progressing and a helpful spot to ask questions! You can find it at **Leslie Quilts Summer Stitchin' Sew Along**.

It is my goal to have a video release each week with step by step tutorials and tips to make your blocks beautiful. I'm not perfect, but I sure want to try! All videos for this sew along will be on YouTube.

Here's how we will do this beginning the week of **May 4**:

Week 1 (5/4-10) – Starch! You know that we are big fans of starching fabric. It gives body to the fabric and helps establish very good, crisp sewing lines. So week 1, we will prep our fabric for pressing and cutting!

Week 2 (5/11-17) – Cutting! This week, we will follow all of the cutting instructions laid out in the pattern. Cutting through all of the freshly starched and pressed fabrics is the best feeling!

Week 3 (5/18-24) – Block 1 centers and corners! This week we will do Block 1 centers and corners only.

- 50 4-patch (navy and white)
- 50 4-patch (peacock and white)
- 25 4-patch (navy and peacock)
- 50 Segment 4 (found on page 5 in your book)
- Assemble the center block using the Segment 4, 4-patch navy/peacock and CC white.

Sounds easy (and it is). You should be able to easily chain piece these or make one a day! But since the volume is up there, we are going to take this easy peasy!

Week 4 (5/25-31) - Block 1 assembly! This week we will finish up all of our block 1 blocks using the centers and corners we created last week and adding some flying geese to the mix!

- You will want to either use the Stitch-n-Flip Flying Geese Method (SNF-FG) or use foundation paper (flying geese paper) to create your flying geese.
- The flying geese will measure 3" x 5 ½" .
- You'll be making 6 colorways! This is when it starts to POP! Refer to your book on pages 6-7 to make sure you sew up each quantity as it is described.
- Once you sew the block together (page 7), you should have 25 total 10 ½" x 10 ½" square blocks.

Week 5 (6/1-7) – Block 2! This week will be a fun one! We have 8 total blocks to make, but it is all some chain piecing fun! You'll want to catch this week's video on how to make this block quickly.

- You'll be making 64 Half Square Triangles (HST). Follow the diagram on page 2 in your book to make 8-at-a-time HST. No one wants to make HST

individually when you have 64 to make!

- Once you have those made, you'll make 32 units to make up the corners of your block.
- Next is some easy peasy strip piecing! This will create your "sashings". I'm going to throw in a twist though. Let's grab both the Q&Y (Riley Orange & White) sets and also the D&Y (Celestial & White) sets. Doing both of these will save you a step next week! These will all be 2 ½" wide.
- Last, but not least, sew it up together to create a beautiful 10 ½" x 10 ½" block!

Week 6 (6/8-14) – Block 3! This week will be a fun one! We have 8 total blocks to make, but it is all some chain piecing fun! You'll want to catch this week's video on how to make this block quickly.

- Back to our 8-at-a-time HST - make 32 U&I units.
- Pay close attention to the next step to form the 4 ½" x 4 ½" corner blocks. These instructions are on page 10.
- Grab your celestial and white segments you created last week and put your block together!
- You should have 8 total blocks that measure 10 ½" x 10 ½" square.

Week 7 (6/15-21) – Block 4! This week is all about flying geese! We are only making 4 blocks this week, so this gives you plenty of time to do some precision stitching. Our goal is 4 beautiful blocks that have all of the points showing.

- Start with making all of your flying geese. You'll be making 16 units that will be measuring 1 ¾" x 3" and 16 that will measure 3" x 5 ½".
- Arrange your center block.
- Then take your center blocks and combine with the larger flying geese to finish your block. It should measure 10 ½" x 10 ½".

Week 8 (6/22-28) – Block 5! One more week of flying geese and this one is super cute! We'll be making a center block that is a pinwheel using flying geese and I'm obsessed!

- Make 16 flying geese measuring $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3" and 16 measuring 3" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Using the smaller flying geese, pair those with your CC pieces and make a 3" x 3" block.
- Assemble those blocks into a pinwheel measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". You can find the diagram on page 14.
- Finally, assemble your block! It should measure $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Week 9 (6/29-7/5) – Quilt Assembly! This week we finally get to arrange our quilt and put it together! I will have a video on how I assemble my quilt. The layout is on page 15 in your book and I will give some tips and tricks on how to assemble it and not get lost in the process!

A quick note:

Thank you so much for joining me on the Summer Sew Along journey for 2026! I enjoy this sweet community we are building together. If you would like for me to longarm your finished treasure, please let me know! I'm giving my Sew Along peeps a special **10% discount on my long-arming services** to finish your quilt!

