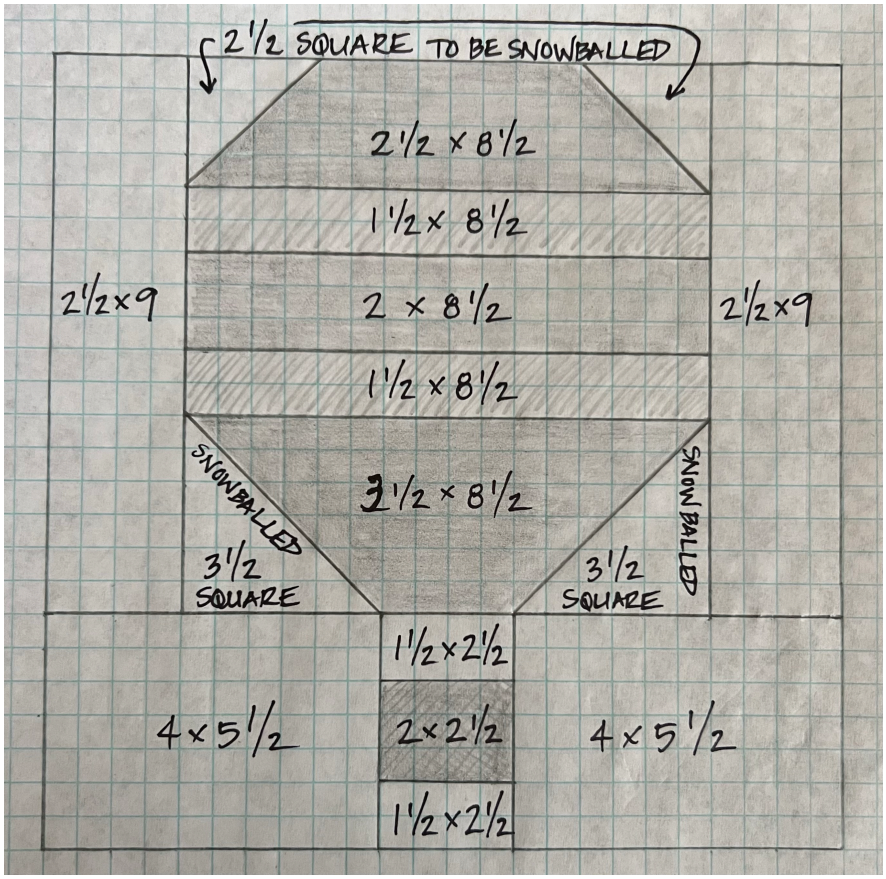
Block of the Month: **Hot Air Balloon Ride**

COLORS:
Balloon: Striped fabric with or without coordinating colors
Background: Light/Pale Blue (solid or print) **Basket: Brown**

CUTTING for (1) 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished block:
Balloon stripes:
(2) 1 1/2" x 8" (1) 2" x 8 1/2" (1) 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" (1) 3 1/2" x 8 1/2"
Background:
(2) 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" (2) 2 1/2" x 9" (2) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" (2) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (2) 4" x 5 1/2"
Balloon basket: (1) 2" x 2 1/2"

NOTE: The Balloon part of this block can be made from the pieces as listed above or from (1) 9" x 8 1/2" piece of striped fabric or any combination of strips of fabric that total (1) 9" x 8 1/2" piece when sewn together. 9" tall x 8 1/2" wide.

Assemble block as per diagram below. Start with the (3) small rectangle pieces that create the basket, then add the (2) 4" x 5 1/2" to the sides of the basket, set aside. The balloon: sew the stripes together or start with (1) 9" x 8 1/2". Snowball (2) 2 1/2" squares to the top of the balloon and snowball (2) 3 1/2" squares to the bottom of the balloon, then add (2) 2 1/2" x 9" to sides of balloon. Sew basket section to bottom of balloon. The bottom is the side with larger snowballed triangles. All done!