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## Meet the 2013 BOM Designers: Sue Nickels and Pat Holly

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Prizewinning sister act [Sue Nickels](#) and [Pat Holly](#) combine precision patchwork and charming appliqué for the TQS 2013 Block-of-the-Month pattern. Pat and Sue have been quilting for more than 30 years, using machine techniques to put a contemporary spin on nineteenth-century folk art designs. The two sisters are in the quilt too, symbolized by the two little birds in the top border. They named the quilt after one of their favorite Beatles songs.

Your quilting skills will soar as you follow along. Pat and Sue will guide you step-by-step through cutting, precision machine piecing, and stitched raw edge machine appliqué. You'll master patch prep and stitching curves, inside and outside points, and reverse appliqué. The two will let you in on the secrets of their prizewinning details: bias stems, thread stems, and really small circles. Sue will give you the confidence to quilt fabulous free-motion feathers, and Pat will show you how to embellish the binding with decorative stitches.