

## Block of The Month 2016: Block #12

**Block is due at the January 2017 meeting.**

This month's block is called Latifah's Quilt Block, designed by Latifah Saafir. Remember we are using a black, white, grey, and one color of your choice palette for our fabrics this year. We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the monthly drawing to win all the blocks turned in and one to keep. Please be accurate on your seams and sew a scant quarter inch. Our instructions are for making one block, but it is very easy to make two blocks.

### Cutting Instructions (for one block):

Black: Two 4 1/2" squares

Color: Two 4 1/2" squares

White: Six 4 1/2" X 6 1/2" rectangles

Grey: Two 4 1/2" squares

### General Instructions:

Use a scant 1/4" seam allowance throughout.

Refer to the photos when sewing the pieces.

1. Place the 4 1/2" Grey squares right sides together with two White rectangles, aligning on the right side.
2. Draw a line from the upper left corner to the lower right corner of the Grey square.
3. On the second pair, draw a line from the upper right corner to the lower left corner of the Grey square.
4. Sew directly on top of both drawn lines.
5. Trim to the right side of the sewn line. Press.
6. Placing the right sides together and matching the like parts, sew a 1/4" seam along the edge of the Grey triangles. Press.
7. Refer to photos and repeat steps for Color and Black fabrics.
8. Refer to photos to sew the strips together to create a 12 1/2" block.
9. Press and trim the block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".

Have a good Holiday Season! Thanks to all of you who participated in block of the month this year. We really enjoyed it.

We are getting ready for next year. Our plan is to continue these types of blocks – varying them enough to keep it interesting. The color scheme for 2017 is going to be black and white with an additional color each month that you will use along with a shade of that color. We plan to use the birthstone colors for each month (we have to change April because that month is diamond.) I will give you the list of all the colors for the year in January, but as an example we will use deep red in January for the birthstone of garnet. We will use the deep red with black and white and another shade of red.

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