

## Block of The Month 2017: Block #4

Block is due at the May meeting.

This month we are continuing our color scheme for the year: black, white, the monthly birthstone color, and a shade (or tint) of that color. This month's color is light yellow, so your second color should be either yellow or dark yellow. Please look at the January newsletter for the color chart.

This block is called a split 9 patch. We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. Please sew with a accurate quarter inch. We are using a basic short cut method for the half-square triangle sections. You will need to trim them to size to allow for slight inaccuracies with the various levels of sewers we have. Making an even number of blocks will be more efficient, since we need 3 half square triangle sections for each block.

### Cut list -- For one block:

From both white and black fabrics:

- Two 5" squares
- One 4 1/2" square

From both yellow fabrics:

- Two 4 1/2" squares

### For two blocks:

- Three 5" squares
- Two 4 1/2" square

- Four 4 1/2" squares

### Assembling the block:

To make the half square triangle sections, draw a diagonal line on the back of white 5" squares. Place each white square right sides together with a black 5" square. Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Press to the black. Use a ruler to square up these sections to 4 1/2" squares.

• Lay out pieces to match photo 2. Sew together in rows. Press each row in the opposite direction of the row above. This will allow you to butt the seams to get a good fit when sewing rows together.

• Sew rows together.

• Press and using a 12 1/2" square up ruler, trim to get a 12 1/2" block. Repeat to make a second block!

This is great practice for half square triangles. Have fun!

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