

## Block of The Month 2017: Block #8

Block is due at the September 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 green (peridot), so your second color should be shade of green. Please look at the January newsletter for the color chart. We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. Please sew with an accurate quarter inch seam.

This block uses improvisational piecing so have fun with it. The only tricky part is when you are piecing together the final three parts; watch to make sure you are lining up the horizontal stripes.

### Cut list -- For one 12 ½" block:

White fabric: one 11 ½" square

Black fabric: one 13 ½" X 2" strip

Light green fabric: one 13 ½" X 2" strip; one 16" X 2" strip

Green shade fabric: one 16" X 2" strip

### Assembling the block:

Using your rotary cutter and ruler, cut the white square into thirds. Look at the second photo for an idea, but this is improvisation. The cuts don't have to be even or straight and varying the angle makes it more interesting.

Sew the 13 ½" X 2" strip of light green between the left and middle piece and the 13 ½" X 2" strip of black between the middle and right piece. Make sure the strips extend beyond the white fabric and line up the white pieces so the tops are roughly even. Press away from the white fabric.

Now turn the block and cut it again in thirds (see photo 2.) Repeat the above steps with the remaining light green and other green 16" strips of fabric. When sewing together, check the alignment of the strips from the last step to make sure they even. Also, check to make sure the inserted strips extend beyond the edges of the block. Press toward the inserted strips.

Using a 12-½" square up ruler, trim to get a 12 ½" block. Repeat to make a second block!

This block is so fun to make and as long as you watch the alignment, it is quick, easy, and beautiful.

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