

## Block of The Month 2017: Block #12

Block is due at the January 2018 meeting.

The block of the month continues 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 blue, so your second color should be a tint of blue. 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.

This block is called Square within a square by Kaye Wood, from the Janome 100 blocks in 50 days. This block is similar to a pineapple block and looks incredible.

### Cut list -- For one 12 1/2" block:

Blue tint: One 3 7/8" square (for center); four 1 3/4" X 6" rectangles

Blue: four 1 3/4" X 5 1/2" rectangles; two 5 1/2" squares (sub-cut the squares on the diagonal into two rectangles to end with four total)

White fabric: four 1 3/4" X 5" and four 1 3/4" X 7" rectangles

Black fabric: four 1 3/4" X 4 1/2" and four 1 3/4" X 6 1/2" rectangles

For ease of assembly, fold each piece in half lengthwise and press line in each piece. For the center square press both directions and for the corner triangles, press folding the long side in half.

### Assembling the block:

1. Arrange rectangles in size order. You will sew from smallest to largest.

Starting with the blue tint square sew one of the smallest black rectangles to opposite sides, aligning pressed centers. Press away from the center square.

2. Next, look at photo two. Line up the corner of the ruler at a 45 deg. angle as shown so that the outside edges of the ruler touch the seam line (the tip of the ruler will extend past the fabric at the top.) Trim as shown.

3. Now sew the remaining two small black rectangles to the other sides. Press away from the center and trim as in step two. See photo 3.

4. Sew on the next row using the center of the prior square to line up the center of the rectangle being attached. Always press away from the center Using photos 4 & 5 as reference, when trimming, use a square ruler, make sure the 1 1/2 inch line on both edges of the ruler is on the previous seam line of the prior two rows.

5. Keep adding rows in size order and when

all rectangles are attached, add the four corner triangles using the pressed center to align in the center of the corner.

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

We love this block – it isn't hard, just hard to describe.

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