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Okay, here we go another wonderful year of block of the month. I mentioned this in last month's newsletter, but for those that missed this – we are making a small change this year with the colors. 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 or tint of that color. That will be the main color of the block. We plan to use the birthstone colors for each month (we have to change April because that month is diamond/white.) Here is the list of birthstones with the color we are using:

Month	Birthstone	Color	Sample	Month	Birthstone	Color	Sample
January	red garnet	deep red		July	ruby	red	
February	amethyst	purple		August	peridot	light green	
March	aquamarine	light blue		September	sapphire	deep blue	
April	diamond	light yellow		October	tourmaline	pink	
May	emerald	green		November	topaz	yellow	
June	alexandrite	light purple		December	tanzanite	medium blue	

There is a chart you can reference at: <http://www.birthdaybullseye.com/birthstone-color-chart.html#COLOR> . These are the colors we are trying to match.

Our first block of the year is called Round Robyn. Use the photos to get the color placement. We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep.

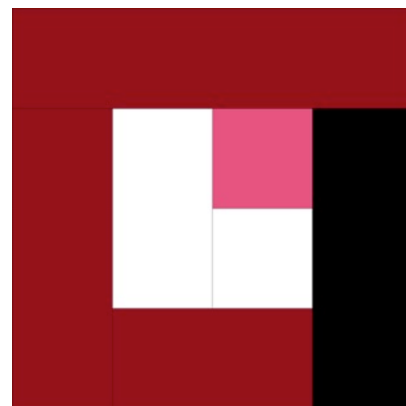
### Cut list -- For one block:

From red: one 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle  
 one 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle  
 one 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle

From red variation: one 3 1/2" square

From white: one 3 1/2" square  
 one 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle

From black: one 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle



### Assembling the block:

- Using a precise 1/4" seam allowance and right sides together, sew the red variation and white squares together.
- Sew the 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" white rectangle to the red variation and white unit made above.
- Sew the 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" red strip to the bottom side of the previous blocks.
- Sew the 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" red rectangle to the left of the previous blocks.
- Sew the black 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle to the right side of the previous unit.
- Sew the 3 1/2" x 12 1/2" red rectangle to the top of the previous unit to complete the 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" block.
- Square the block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to make a second block!

