

Block of The Month 2017: Block #6

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 purple, so your second color should be shade of purple. 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 made by creating four small 6 1/2" blocks (see photo 2) and then sewing those together to get the final block. The small blocks are made up of half-square triangles and squares.

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

White fabric: four 2 1/2" squares;

Black fabric: eight 2 1/2" squares; four 2 7/8" squares

Light purple: eight 2 1/2" squares; eight 2 7/8" squares

Purple shade: four 2 7/8" squares

Assembling the block:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all eight of the 2 7/8" light purple squares. Place each of these on one of the black or darker purple 2 7/8" squares, right sides together. Sew 1/4" from either side of the drawn diagonal line, cut patch in two on the diagonal line. Press toward the darker fabric. You should have eight 2 1/2" half square triangles of each combination. Lay out the block pieces as shown in photo 2. There should be enough pieces to create four of the small blocks. Sew together in rows.

Next sew together the rows to finish the small blocks. Press and using a 6 1/2" square up ruler, verify the blocks are 6 1/2". Now arrange the small blocks as shown in photo 3. Sew together the left two. Sew together the right two. Finally match the two halves and sew the vertical center seam.

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

Isn't that a great looking block.

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