

Block of The Month 2017: Block #5

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 green, so your second color should be shade or tint 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.

This block is made using a template. If your fabrics don't have a right and wrong side it is easier; you can just turn pieces over to have the correct shape. If the fabric does have a wrong side, you need to turn the template over for 2 pieces of each color. The template in the newsletter may not be an accurate size, so look on the guild website or pick up a template at the guild meeting. The templates outer edges should measure 4.5" X 3.5" X 2 3/8" and the diagonal side 4". Trimming the corner where the diagonal meets the longer side helps when sewing pieces together. See photo at right for how to line up the edge.

Cut list -- For one block:

From each of the four fabrics cut four pieces using the template. You can use a 3.5" strip of fabric folded wrong sides together. If you cut using the template twice, you should get the correct number of "A" sides and "B" sides.

Assembling the block:

Lay out the block pieces as shown in the photo above. Sew together diagonal edges and press. Next sew together the rows in two columns. 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!

Check often that you haven't mixed up the color placement. Good luck!

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