

Block of The Month 2017: Block #10

Block is due at the November 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 pink, so your second color should be a red shade. Please look at the January newsletter for the color chart.

This block is called a water wheel and is a 9 patch variation. We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. Please sew with an accurate quarter inch. We are using a basic short cut method for the half-square triangle sections. You will need to trim them to size to allow for slight inaccuracies with the various levels of sewers we have. If you are accurate – cut $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, otherwise we have put 5".

Cut list -- For one block:

From both white & pink fabrics: One 5" squares; Four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From black fabric: Two 5" squares; Eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From red fabric: Four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Assembling the block:

To make the half square triangle sections, draw a diagonal line on the back of white and pink 5" squares. Place each of these squares right sides together with a black 5" square. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Press to the black. Use a ruler to square up these sections to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

- Lay out pieces to match photo 3. Assemble the four patches in each corner and the center. Press to the darker fabric. Sew together in rows. Press toward the half square triangles. This will allow you to butt the seams to get a good fit when sewing rows together.

- Sew rows together.

- Press and using a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square up ruler, trim to get a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " block. Repeat to make a second block!

This is great practice for half square triangles. Have fun!

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