

## Block of The Month 2017: Block #9

Block is due at the October meeting.

Remember this month all the blocks from May, June, July, and August are due. We will have four drawings!!! The block 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 dark blue, so your second color should be 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 Bloomin' Plus by Patty Sloniger from the Janome 100 blocks in 50 days.

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

White fabric: four 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" and four 1 1/2" X 2 1/2" rectangles

Black fabric: one 2 1/2" X 8 1/2" and two 2 1/2" X 3 1/2" rectangles

Dark Blue: four 1 1/2" X 5 1/2" and four 1 1/2" X 4 1/2" rectangles; four 2 1/2" squares and two 2 7/8" squares

Blue tint: four 1 1/2" X 4 1/2" and four 1 1/2" X 3 1/2" rectangles; two 2 7/8" squares

### Assembling the block:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of both of the 2 7/8" blue tint squares. Place each of these on one of the dark blue 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 four 2 1/2" half square triangles. 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 order as numbered. Press as you go.

2. Next, look at photo three. Sew two dk. blue 2 1/2" squares to the two black 2 1/2" X 3 1/2" rectangles. While looking at the orientation of the squares made in the first step, sew one of these squares to either side of these rectangles. Pieces 7 & 8 from the photo sewn to piece 1 and pieces 5 & 6 to piece 2.

3. Now sew the other two 2 1/2" dk. Blue squares to either end of the 2 1/2" X 8 1/2" black rectangle.

4. Next, looking at the photo for the correct orientation, sew the pieces from step two to either side of the piece in step three.

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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