

Block of The Month 2018: Block #2

Is everyone ready for block #2? We are keeping with nine patch variations and this is just like a basic nine patch, but the units are different sizes. This block makes some wonderful secondary patterns when four or more blocks are put together.

The fabrics you need this month are our focus fabric -- Effervescence – Wild by Robert Kaufman, your coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, a black fabric and a white fabric.

We will be selling fat quarters of the focus fabric at the meetings for \$2 each. It should only take one fat quarter to make the twelve blocks for this year.

We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep.

Cut list -- For one block:

From focus: one 2 ½" square

From coordinating fabric: one 6 ½" square, one 4 ½" square

From black fabric: two 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles

From white fabric: two 4 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles, two 4 ½" by 2 ½" rectangles

Assembling the block:

- Use the photos to get the color placement.
- Layout pieces in correct order as shown in photo two.
- Using a precise 1/4" seam allowance and right sides together, sew the horizontal rows together, pressing away from your white fabric.
- Keep rows in order and now sew rows together. If pressed correctly, the seams should nest and help patches aligned.
- Press seams and square the block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to make a second block to keep!

Here is a photo of a finished block.

When making a quilt out of this block, try rotating the blocks in different ways to find the arrangement you like best.

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