

Block of The Month 2018: Block #6

Block number four is called Criss-Cross. This block is due at the September meeting. We are keeping with nine patch variations and this is a simple one where you make four corner blocks –two of each color version and then add in the other pieces.

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:

Focus fabric:	two 2" squares
Coordinating color fabric:	four 3½" X 5" rectangles, two 2" squares
Black fabric:	five 3 ½" squares
White fabric:	eight 2" X 3½" rectangles

Assembling the block:

- Use the photos to get the color placement and watch this carefully when assembling.
- To assemble the corner squares: Sew a white rectangle to one focus fabric square. Press toward focus fabric. Repeat. Now do the same with a white rectangle and a coordinating fabric square, repeat to get two.
- Sew a black square to one of the remaining white rectangles and repeat three times. Press to the black.
- Now sew one of the pieces from the first step to one of the pieces from the second step, putting the white next to the black and matching seams. Press toward black.
- Layout pieces in correct order as shown in photo three.
- Using a precise 1/4" seam allowance and right sides together, sew the horizontal rows together, pressing pieces with a horizontal seam toward the other piece.
- 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!

Good luck.

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