

Block of The Month 2018: Block #3

Here is block #3. This block is due at the April meeting. We are keeping with nine patch variations and this is a simple variation with each of the nine patches made with two-- 2½" X 4½" pieces of fabric.

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: one 2½" X 4½" rectangle
- Coordinating color fabric: two 2½" X 18" strips,
one 2½" X 4½" rectangle
- Black and white fabrics: one 2½" X 18" strip of each

Assembling the block:

- Use the photos to get the color placement.
- Sew white strip to one color strip. Press toward color. Cut into four 4½" strips.
- Sew black strip to remaining color strip. Press toward black. Cut into four 4½" strips.
- Sew the feature fabric rectangle to the remaining color rectangle –sewing on the long edge. Press open.
- Layout pieces in correct order as shown in photo three.
- Using a precise ¼" 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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