

## Block of The Month 2018: Block #5

Here we go, block number five. I can't believe we are almost half way through the year. This block isn't due until the September meeting. This is a simple nine-patch variation, but it does have eight half-square triangles. We are going to teach you a simple method to make the eight from one square of each color. If you want to make it the one square at a time way, then you need to cut four  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares of both the white and the black fabric and skip cutting the one 6" square of each.

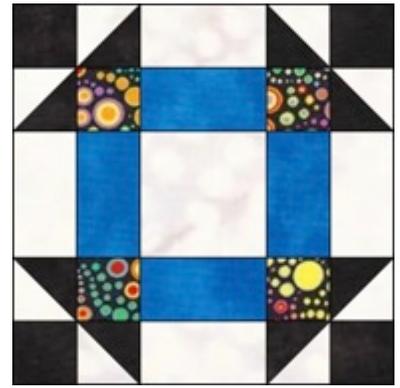
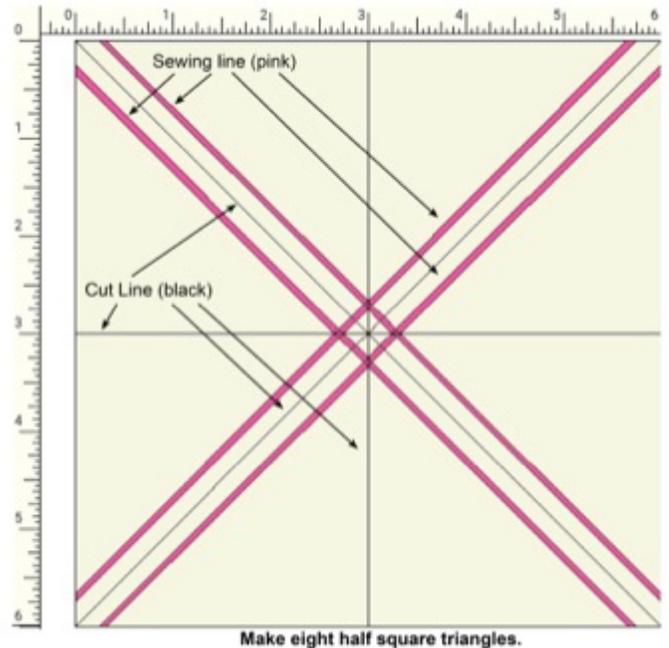
The fabrics you need this month are our focus fabric -- Effervescence -- Wild by Robert Kaufman, your coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, a black fabric and a white fabric.

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: four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- Coordinating fabric: four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- White fabric: four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, one  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, and one 6" square
- Black fabric: four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and one 6" square



### Make 8 half-square triangles. (Refer to illustration above on the right.)

- Draw diagonal lines from each corner on the wrong side of the white, 6 inch square piece of fabric.
- Lay this on top of the black 6 inch square of fabric, right sides together. Pin the two together near the edge, at the midpoint of each side.
- Sew,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the drawn lines on each side of the line as shown by the pink lines in the illustration.
- Take out the pins and place on cutting mat so you can make all cuts without lifting the square. Make the four cuts shown in the illustration – first cut vertically, 3 inches from one side, then horizontally, 3 inches from the bottom, finally make the two diagonal cuts between the sewn lines.
- Press the eight half-square triangles toward the black fabric. Trim to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square if oversized.

### Assembling the block:

- Use the block photo for color placement and watch orientation carefully at each step.
- Assemble the corner four-patches using 2 half-square triangles, one black  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square & one focus fabric  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square for each corner. Press away from the focus fabric.
- Assemble the two-patch units using the rectangle pieces. Place a color piece with a white piece and sew the long seam.



Press away from the color.

- Layout pieces in correct order as shown in the block photo.
- Using a precise 1/4" seam allowance and right sides together, sew the horizontal rows together. Alternate pressing of seams to allow them to nest against each other in the next step.
- Keep rows in order and now sew rows together. If pressed correctly, the seams should nest and help patches align.
- Press seams and square the block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Repeat to make a second block to keep!

Remember this block isn't due until September because of the summer schedule. If you have any problems or questions, please give either one of us a call.

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