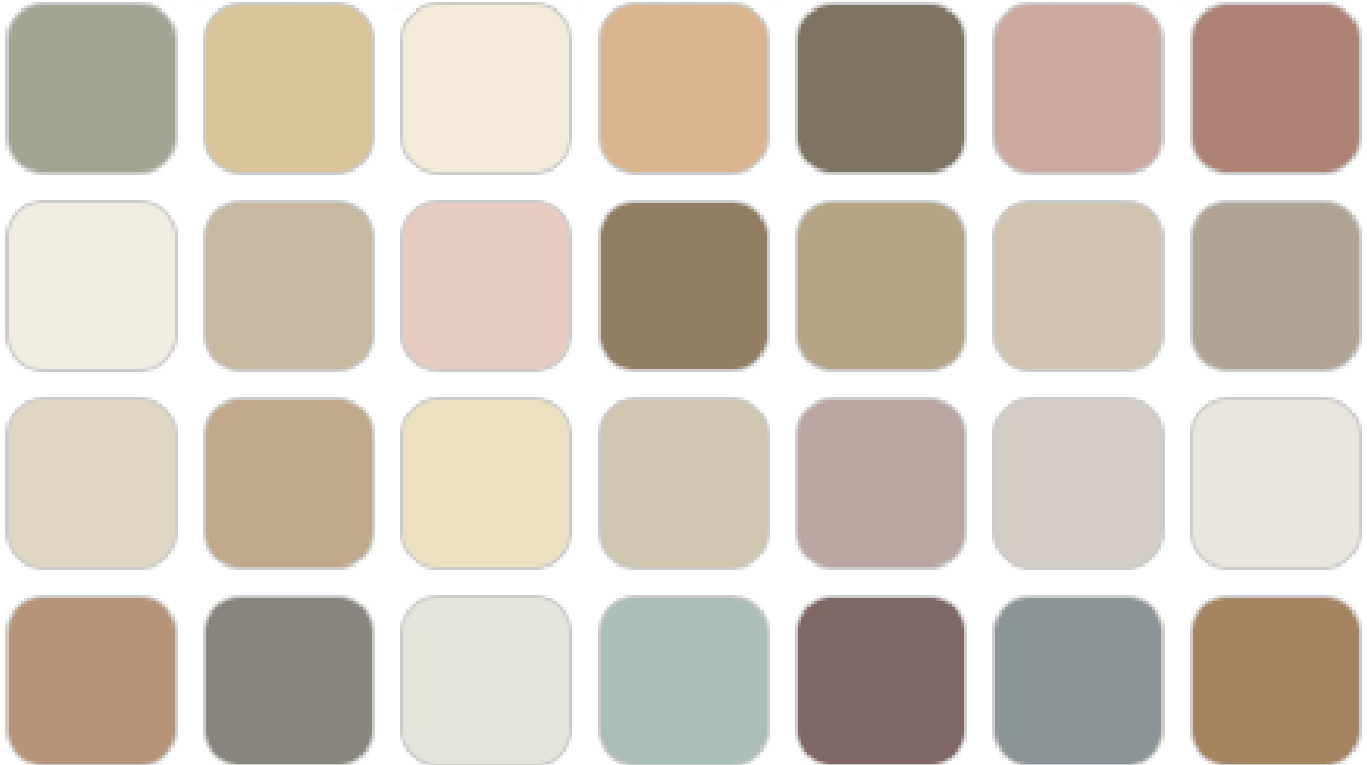


## 2015 Block of the Month

Hello all. I am new to block of the month, so please bear with me if this is too different.

This year we are going to try a modern block of the month. Each month I will provide you with the instructions for a pattern from the modern quilt blog Sew Mama Sew. This is a great blog and it can be found at: <http://www.sewmamasew.com/>

I am asking everyone participating in the block of the month this year to choose your fabric from a neutral palette. I wanted to make this as easy as possible for everyone to know what I meant by that, so our neutral palette is based on Behr interior paints. I can provide you with a paint chip sample card of these colors and they are reproduced here. If you aren't confident of the color shown here, you can check their website or pick up a chip card at Home Depot. On the [www.Behr.com](http://www.Behr.com) website, look under paint colors, select By Decorator Style, Home Decorators Collection: Neutral.



I think it would be great if everyone participating sewed at least two of each block: one to keep and one to enter in the monthly drawing. That way you would have a quilt at the end of the year whether you win the drawing or not.

I haven't made all the blocks yet, so I am providing the following information based on the Sew Mama Sew blog. Their suggestion is that you pick your fabrics at the beginning of the year and use these for each block. If everyone picks their fabrics so they match the color chart then all the blocks will look great together. To complete all twelve blocks (they are 12.5" blocks -- 12" finished) you will need the following.

- 2 yards each of 3 different fabrics (solid or print)
- 3 yards of one background fabric

All of these blocks are easy enough to do by a beginning quilter. And don't be intimidated or put off by the idea of a modern quilt. The design characteristics that may show up in some or all of the blocks are:

- Use of solids
- Whites and/or grays as neutrals and background/negative space
- Asymmetry in the design, especially in terms of the negative space
- Improvisational piecing

Let's get started!

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