

2016 Block of the Month

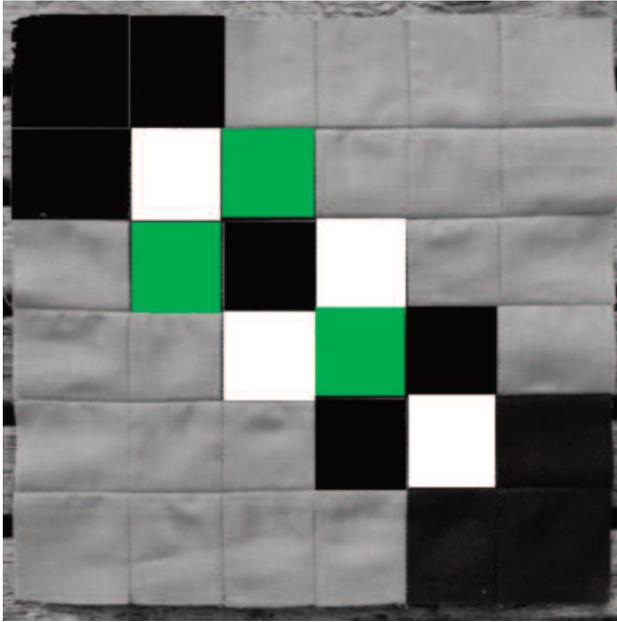
Hello all. I hope everyone is ready for another year of block of the month.

This year my sister, Shelly McNeely is officially helping me. You all saw her helping last year, but now if something goes wrong, I can blame her.

As I mentioned in the December 2015 newsletter, our palette this year is very simple: we will be using black, white, grey, and one other color that will be your choice. For illustration purposes, I will be showing black, white, grey, and green. The green represents the position of the pieces that will be in the color of your choice. Also, I don't expect you to use solid color fabrics. Just make sure that when you look at the fabric from short distance away the colors should appear to be black, white, grey, and one other color -- just to add a little spice to the block. That other color can be different in every block you make, but should be the same within each individual block.

All the blocks will be 12.5 inches square (12 inches finished) and I will have one for every month. Even for the months when if I have to collect them and do the drawings later like I did in 2015. Again this year, 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. Okay, let's go!

This first block is based on a block by Temara Serrao called Fractured Light. I have changed the color placement so it isn't really the same. It is just a 9 patch variation.



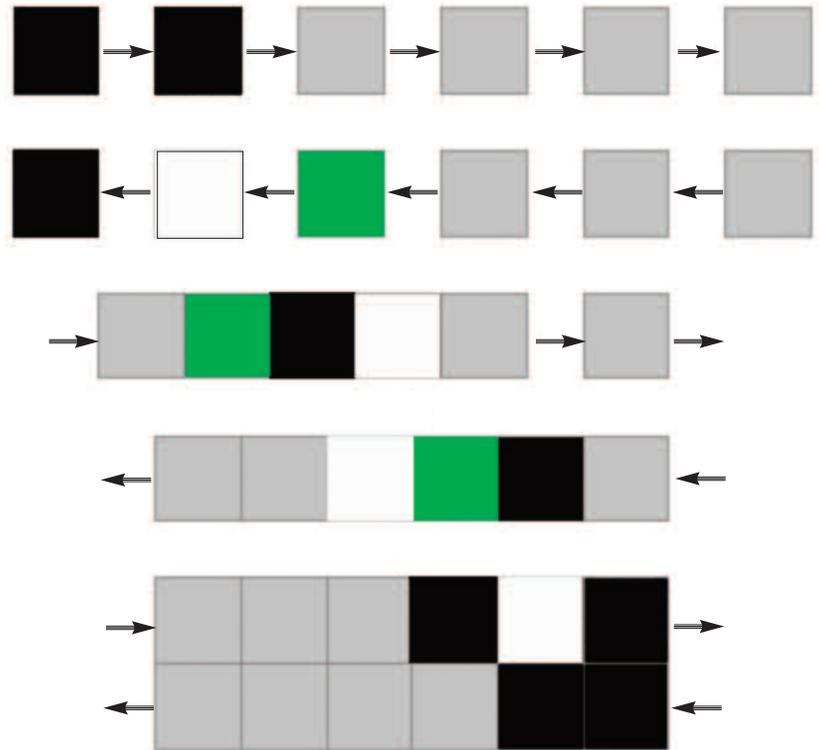
Cutting Instructions:

- **Gray:** cut twenty $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ squares
- **Black:** cut nine $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ squares
- **White:** cut four $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ squares
- **Green:** cut three $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ squares

Building the Block: All seams are $\frac{1}{4}''$.

- Stitch together pieces in horizontal rows and then sew the rows together.
- Press the seams in the direction of the arrows as you go. Alternate the direction of the pressing when sewing together the rows. Your final block should be 12.5 inches square.

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Assembly diagram.