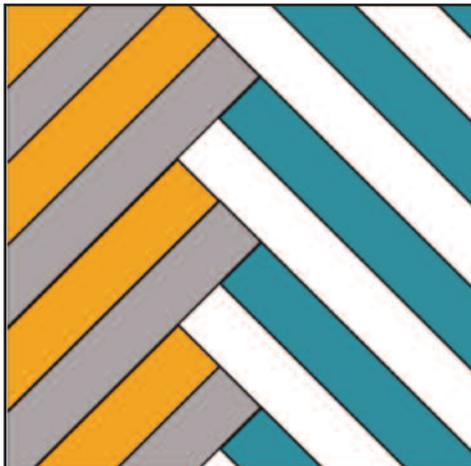


## Block of the Month: Block 7--blocks due at the September meeting

Here is our next block. We are still using our neutral color palette. The colors shown in the these instructions are for illustration only. There is a picture below on the right and additional information about the palette is in the January 2015 newsletter. All blocks are 12.5" blocks — 12" finished

Please check out the blog <http://www.sewmamasew.com/> to see the wonderful website I am getting these blocks from.

This block design does not include any negative space. As a result, the pattern the block makes shines when pieced with small scale prints or solid fabrics



Neutral color palette

### Fabric Requirements[Based on fabrics that are 42" wide]: (If making two blocks --double this.)

Fabric A (background): 2" wide width of fabric (WOF) strip and a 2" x 5.5" scrap

Fabric B (print): 2" wide width of fabric (WOF) strip and 2" x 5.5" scrap

Fabric C (print): 2" wide WOF strip

Fabric D (print): 2" wide WOF strip and 7" x 3" scrap

### Cutting and Initial Assembly:

1. Sew together the A & B WOF (width of fabric) strips and the A & B 5.5" scraps.
2. Cut 7" off of the Fabric C WOF (width of fabric) strip and sew together with the 7"X 3" scrap of Fabric D. This is Portion 9.
3. Sew together the remainder of the Fabric C WOF strip with the Fabric D WOF strip.



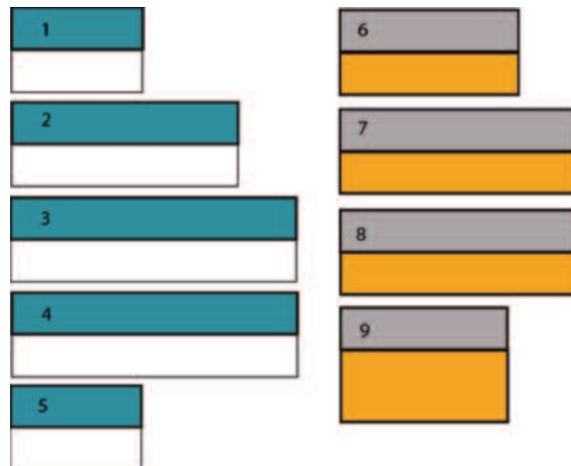
*Note from Adriane -- I found it helpful to write the color of my fabrics on these instructions, so I could remember what went where.*

Cut the A/B strip into portions of the following lengths:

- Portion 1: 5.5"      Portion 2: 9.5"
- Portion 3: 12"      Portion 4: 12"
- Portion 5: 5.5"

4. Cut the C/D strip into portions of the following lengths:

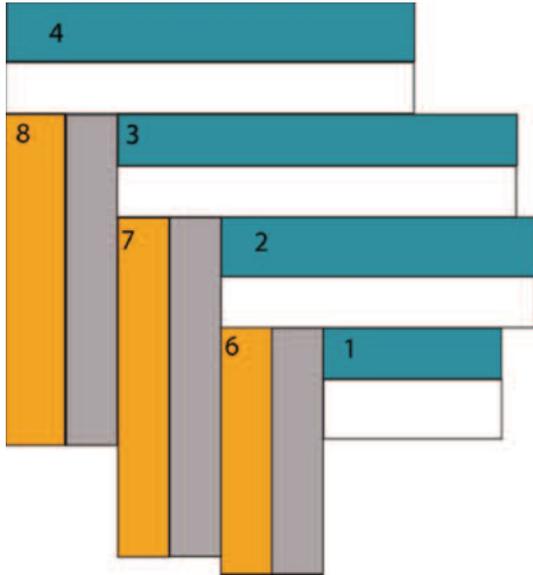
- Portion 6: 7.5"      Portion 7: 10"
- Portion 8: 10"
- Portion 9 is already at the correct size.



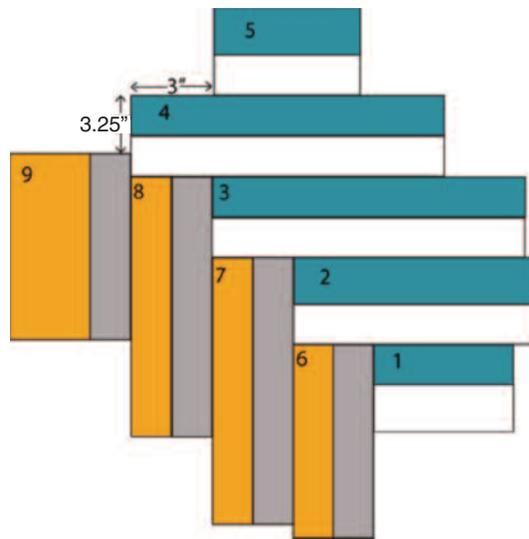
## Assembling the Block:

5. Sew together portion 1 and 6 as indicated.  
Keep building the block by adding on portion 2.

6. Following this same building pattern, switch from side to side as you sew on portion 7, then 3, then 8, and finally 4. Press after you sew on each portion.



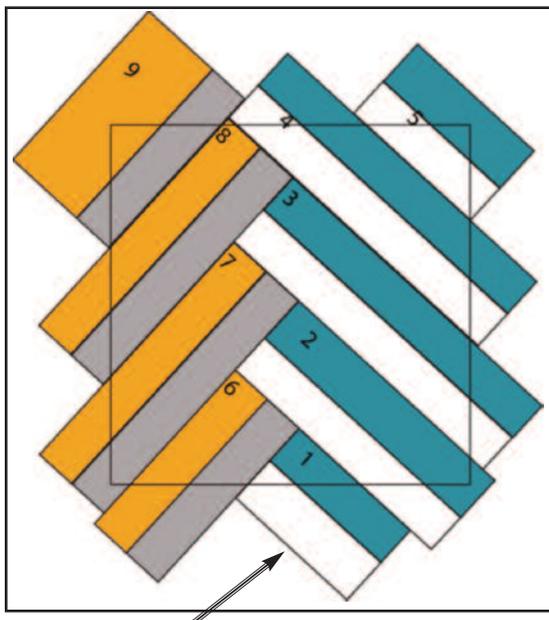
7. Next, finish the piecing by sewing on portions 9 and 5. Line them up so that portion 9 is set 3.25" down from the top of the piecing and portion 5 is set 3" in from the left edge of the piecing.



8 Now, finish the block by first rotating your piecing and then trimming it down to 12.5" square. *Note from Adriane: Make sure to check where the 45° angle line on your square up ruler is -- have it parallel to a seam of your block.*

*Also, at the bottom of your block, try to incorporate at least one inch of the last strip or it won't show when blocks are put together.*

Your block is all done!



Note: This is just the sort of trimming where a 12.5" square ruler comes in handy. If you don't have one, I'd suggest you draw the 12.5" block onto the piecing before cutting it out. You wouldn't want to trim too much off of one edge and not have enough piecing remaining to fit the full sized block.

Thanks for trying this month's block.

Also, if you want to try last month's block, you still can. Due to summer activities, those blocks are not due until the September meeting.

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Block of the Month Chair

Try to keep at least one inch of this last strip.