

## Block of The Month 2023: Block #1

Welcome to 2023 block of the month. This year we are going to be less improvisational, and all our blocks will be some variation of a log cabin. Now, we plan to interpret that loosely – meaning that there will be a center piece that the other pieces will go around. The January block is a hexagon log cabin. We have a new focus fabric. This focus fabric is from Hoffman and is called Paint Impressions. In addition to the focus fabric, you will need a white fabric and depending on the block one to four additional colors that you see in the focus fabric. To get us started, this month in addition to the focus fabric and the white fabric you need two additional coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) We will have the focus fabric available for sale at guild meetings for \$3 per fat quarter. This year, if you purchase focus fabric and turn in block of the month blocks for at least two months, we will refund your \$3.

Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

### Cut list -- For one block

- Fabric 1 (focus fabric):** One 3.75 - 4" square  
**Fabric 2 (white):** 1.5" X 63" strip  
Four 3" X 6" rectangles (wait to cut)
- Fabric 3 (coord. fabric 1):** 2" X 33" strip  
**Fabric 4 (coord. fabric: 2)** 2.25" X 53" strip

### Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam. Press to the newly added fabric

- Make hexagon: Fold square of focus fabric in half with right sides facing together. Make a mark 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the width in from both sides. Use a ruler and place it on one mark and at the edge of the folded side nearest the mark – cut off these triangle pieces. Repeat on the other side. This should give you a hexagon. (Photo 2)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Border – we will now add a white border to all sides of the hexagon. Line up one edge of the hexagon with edge of white strip. Sew together and press. Trim edge to match neighboring edge of the hexagon. Photo 3. This will be your next sewing edge. You can go clockwise or counterclockwise, but once you pick, always go the same direction. Now add the next piece of white to this edge you just trimmed. Continue around the hexagon until all sides have a white strip added. Before adding the last piece of the round, you will be trimming at both ends of the edge, if you haven't already trimmed the side of the first piece added. Photo 4.
- Repeat this process to add a round of coordinating fabric 1, another round of white fabric, and a round of coordinating fabric 2.
- Place your 12.5" square up ruler over the block as in photo 5. The ruler should cover most of the block, with some small triangle shaped pieces needing to be added. For this we will use the four rectangles of white fabric listed in cut list. The 3" X 6" measurement is generous and depending on how your block fits – you can adjust that size. If you feel confident of your sewing abilities, you can cut only two rectangles and cut those on the diagonal to get triangles to sew on and fill these corners.
- Place your rectangles on you block so they will fill in these corners, pin or clip in place and sew on. (Photos 6 & 7.) Press.
- Now to square it up. Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to 12½" X 12½".



Photo 2



Focus Fabric



Photos 3



Photo 4

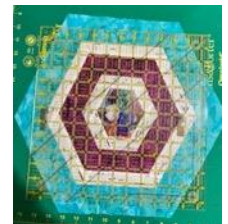


Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



[Link to YouTube](#)

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