

Block of The Month 2024: Block #2

Hello all – glad you are back or if you haven't read the January block, please refer to it for more info about this year's block of the month. The February block is called 5 by 3 (catchy name isn't it.) For this block, we need the focus fabric, a white fabric, a light, a dark, and a 3rd coordinating fabric. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.)

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

- Focus Fabric:** One 1.5" X 4.5"
White: Four 1.25" X 18" strips; Two 1.25" X 4.5" strips
Light Coord. fabric: Four 1.25" X 18" strips; Two 1.25" X 4.5" strips
Dark Coord. fabric: One 1.5" X 18" strip
3rd Coord. fabric: One 1.5" X 18" strip

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam.

Make strip sets:

- Sew a white strip to each light coordinating fabric strip, including the 4.5" strips. Press to the darker fabric. (Photo 2) These strips should be 2" wide. Set aside half of these combos.
- With the remaining combos, add a matching length of either the focus fabric, dark coordinating or 3rd coordinating fabric to the white fabric edge. Press to the darker fabric. These strips should be 3" wide.
- Now, take the set aside pieces and match each with the correct length strip from the last step and sew the white fabric edge to the piece just added. Press to the darker fabric. (Photo 3) You should now have one 18" strip with the fabrics in the following order: light coord., white, dark coord, white, light coordinating; one 18" strip with the fabrics in the following order: light coord., white, 3rd coord, white, light coordinating; and one 4.5" strip with the fabrics in the following order: light coord., white, focus, white, light coordinating. These strips should be 4.5" wide.

Finishing:

- Sub-cut each of the 18" strip sets into three 4.5"s squares.
- Arrange all the 4.5"s squares as shown in the final block. The focus fabric set goes in the middle. The corners pieces have the dark coordinating fabric in the middle and are oriented the same as the center. The remaining squares with the 3rd coordinating fabric in the middle fill in the spaces and are oriented in the other direction.
- Sew together horizontal rows. Press to the least complicated edge. Sew the three rows together, the seams should nest. Press.
- Finished block should be 12½" X 12½".

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Photos 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



[Link to YouTube](#)