

Block of The Month 2022: Block #7

This block is a half-rectangle star block. To get started, here are the fabrics you need: your focus fabric, two coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric, and a white fabric. Pick ones that contrast with each other. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) These blocks are not due until September.

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

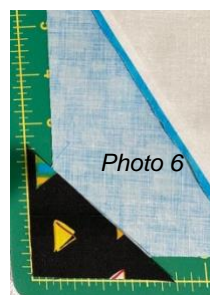
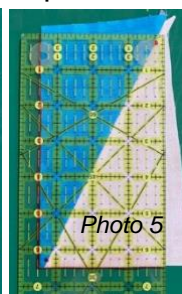
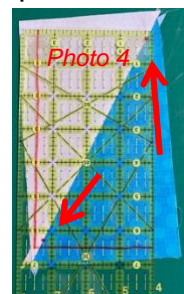
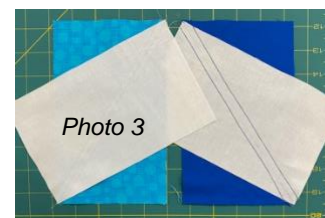
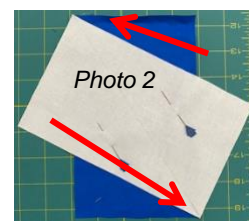
Fabric 1 (white fabric) -- Four $4\frac{3}{4}$ " X $7\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangles

Fabric 2 & 3 (coordinating fabrics) -- Two $4\frac{3}{4}$ " X $7\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangles of each

Fabric 4 (focus fabric) -- Two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (cut on one diagonal to get 4 triangles)

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- The first thing we are going to work on is our half-rectangle triangles pieces. Take two of the background rectangles and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each between two corners. With the other two do the same but with the other two corners. Pair up each set with one of the rectangles of coordinating fabric. With right sides together, twist the background rectangle and match the corners with the diagonal line to two corners of the coordinating fabric as in photo 2. The rectangles of the same color should both have a background fabric that is turned in the same direction. Pin the pieces together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from either side of the drawn line the same as with a half-square triangle. Photo 3 shows how the different colors will look. Sew the remaining half-rectangle pairs, cut on the drawn line, and press seams open.
- The trickiest part of this block is trimming these rectangles. Take a ruler that is at least 3.5" X 6.5". Use a sharpie and put a dot on the top side of your ruler at .25" X .25" and another one at 3.25" X 6.25". Also draw a line to mark a rectangle 3.5" X 6.5" if your ruler is larger than this (see photo 4). These marks can be removed later with rubbing alcohol. As in photo 4, line up the dots on the diagonal (if the diagonal is aimed the other way, turn the block over and work with wrong side up). Make sure your ruler and the drawn lines are within the edges of your rectangle. Trim the left and top edges, turn rectangle 180 degrees and line up the dots and trim the last two edges as in photo 5. Repeat with the other three rectangles.
- These next two steps can be done in either order after you decide the color placement of your points. We are going to add a flippy corner to the inner points – so those rectangles are what we will work with now. Refer to photo 6 and place a triangle piece on the corner of with coordinating fabric. Move the triangle so it extends beyond the edge of the background $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the outer two sides. Place a ruler so it butts up to the triangle and move the triangle piece away. Trim off this corner. Now with right sides together place a triangle of focus lined up with the cut edge. Center the hypotenuse of the triangle to the edge. The top point should stick up $\frac{1}{4}$ " as shown in photo 7. Sew corner on and press seams open. Recheck the size of the rectangle and trim as needed.



- Now make two stacks of your rectangle pieces next to each other so that the long edge of background fabric on the piece you just added the corner to butts up to the long edge of the coordinating fabric of the other rectangles as in photo 9. Depending on the which piece you chose for the inner point, yours might look reversed – that is fine. Flip the right-hand rectangle onto the left, right sides together and sew this long seam for all four pairs and press the seam open.
- Now arrange these units as shown in photo 1. Sew together horizontal rows. Press the seams open, match up the final seam, sew and press the seam open.
- 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".



[Link to YouTube Video](#)

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