

Block of The Month 2022: Block #8

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 5" squares

Focus fabric & Coordinating Fabrics (up to 3, use the focus fabric for at least one of the squares. We used three different coordinating fabrics, but you can use a fabric twice.)

- Four 5" squares total
- Four 2.75" X 5.25" strips (one of each fabric) if you are repeating a fabric, you can use a 3.75" square

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- The first thing to do is cut the triangles for the center of the block. If you are using a coordinating or the focus fabric twice in this block or if you plan to make two of these blocks you can just use 3.75" square pieces of fabric and cut them on the diagonal to get the triangles needed. If you just need one of each color, use a 2.75" X 5.25" strip, fold it in half to get 2.75" X 2.625" rectangle. Cut on the diagonal to remove two corners and you should end up with your triangle (photo 2.) Decide the order of the colors for your final block. Using the four small triangles, arrange them with points touching and hypotuneses facing out. Sew two adjacent triangles together, press the seam open, sew the other two together and press open. Then sew the center seam and press open. Trim off flags at edge of the piece – it should be about 4.5" square.
- Next, we make half square triangles. On the wrong side of your white fabric squares draw a diagonal line between two corners. Pair each white square with a square of colored fabric, right sides together. Sew each of these pairs together by sewing a quarter inch seam on each side of your diagonal lines. Cut each set into two by cutting on the drawn line. Press to the darker fabric.
- Refer to the final block and arrange all the pieces so they match the look of the final block. Sew each row together, and press the seams open. Check the rows to see if they are roughly 4.5" wide. If all are wider than 4.5", you can trim the center row down to 4.5" or sew them together with a generous quarter inch seam. If they are narrower, plan to sew smaller seams when we sew these together. Sew the three rows together to make the final block. Press to lay flat.
- 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".

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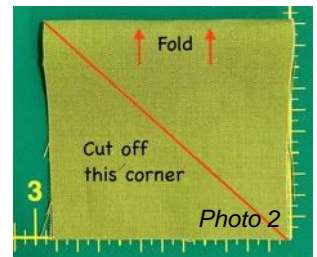


Photo 4



[Link to YouTube Video](#)