

Block of The Month 2022: Block #9

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 October.

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 (coordinating fabric 1-blue in photo) – Two 4" squares & One 4.5" square –sub-cut 4.5" piece on both diagonals as in photo 2

Fabric 2 (coordinating fabric 2- green in photo) – Four 4" squares

Fabric 3 (white fabric) – Four 4" squares

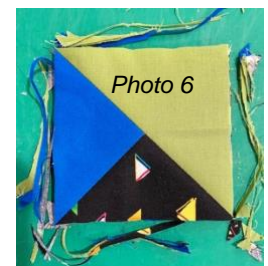
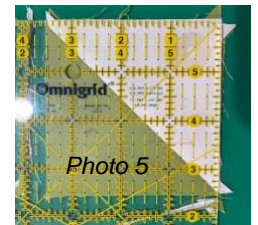
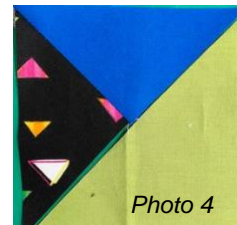
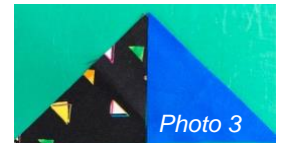
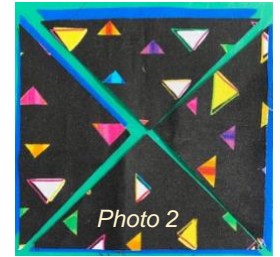
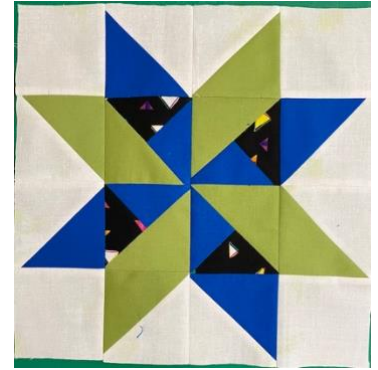
Fabric 4 (focus fabric) -- One 4½" square –sub-cut on both diagonals as in photo 2

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam – press seams open

When choosing fabric placement for this block – either the focus fabric or coordinating 1 fabric can be in center – it is your choice. The photo above has my coordinating 1 fabric in the center. You can also choose which way your inner pinwheel rotates. That will come up later, but it changes if you turn the inner squares.

- With the focus fabric and fabric 1 triangles, pair them up – one of each. Match corners at the 90 degree angle keeping fabric placement the same for each pair. Sew this seam and press seams open – see photo 3.
- Take two of your squares of fabric 2 and cut on one diagonal. Place one of these triangles against the hypotunuse of the units we just finished (photo 4.) Sew together at this seam and press open. Stack several of these units – alternating the orientation to keep them somewhat level. With a ruler at least 4" square, set it on top of the stack, make sure they are at least 3.5" square, then align it with two adjacent edges and trim off flags and uneven edges. Turn the squares and repeat on the other two sides. See photos 5 & 6.
- 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 coordinating 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 open seams.
- Stack several of the half square-triangle units – alternating the orientation as before. Trim off flags and uneven edges as we did before – they should be at least 3.5" square.
- Refer to the final block and arrange all the pieces so they roughly match the look of the final block. As mentioned earlier, you can change the look by turning the orientation of the center four units. Make sure your half square triangles are oriented so the fabric two pieces form a diamond. The fabric one half-square triangles will either have fabric one next to the focus fabric or to fabric one. The photo in the video link shows the two different looks. Sew each row together, and press the seams open. Lay out rows to make sure everything was sewn in order. Sew the four rows together to make the final block. For these rows, match the centers of each row – it isn't as important if the other seams match. Press to lay flat.
- Now to square it up. Use your 12.5" X 12.5" square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to 12.5" X 12.5".

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[Link to YouTube Video](#)

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