

Block of The Month 2020: Block #4

This month we have fun block that Shelly designed. This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. These blocks are due at the May 2020 meeting.

In addition to the focus fabric (we will have half yards for \$5 at the meeting), you also need a coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, a black fabric and a white fabric.

We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. 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: (Read the instructions before cutting.)

You get to choose the exact width and the number of strips of each fabric, but you need at least one strip of each fabric. Each strip should be no wider than $2\frac{3}{4}$ " and each strip needs to be $14\frac{1}{2}$ " long. You will need enough strips so that when sewn together along the long edges the rectangle formed is at least $12\frac{3}{4}$ ". We encourage you to use scraps from other blocks if possible – the pieces don't have to be perfectly straight. The final block will be more interesting if you use thin strips, but if they are all thin, it will take a lot of strips.

Assembling the block:

First take your strips of fabric and arrange them in any order you find pleasing, see photo 2.

- Sew the strips together along the long edge. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam throughout the sewing of this block. Press seams to the darker fabric. Continue adding strips until the total width of the sewn together strips are at least $12\frac{3}{4}$ ". Don't make it too much wider or you will just be wasting fabric. Press well.
- Place your assembled rectangle in front of you so the seams are horizontal. Make three cuts perpendicular to the sewn seams. Try to keep these cuts straight, but don't worry if they are off a little.
- Take pieces one and three and turn them 180 degrees. Sew these pieces together back together (photo 3.) Press well.
- Now using your $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square up ruler, place it over the block and trim to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Move the ruler around until you find the final look you like best.
- Repeat to make a second block to keep!

Have fun!

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Photo 2



Photo 3