

Block of The Month 2020: Block #8

This month we have fun block that Adriane came up with. This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. These blocks are due at the September 2020 meeting (let's hope we have a meeting.)

In addition to the focus fabric (we will have half yards for \$5 at the meeting or contact us if you need some), 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 number of strips of each fabric, but you need at least one strip of each fabric. In order to conserve your focus fabric, we recommend using only one strip.

Cut 11 strips: $3\frac{1}{4}$ " X $6\frac{3}{4}$ "

Assembling the block:

First take your strips and stack ten of them all the same direction (right side up) in groups. It is easiest and gives the most variety to your block if you only stack two together, see photo 2.

- Free cut (no ruler) each stack into two pieces, cutting the long direction, using a slightly curvy cut (photo 3). Now move the top piece from on stack of each group to the bottom of the stack (photo 4). Sew the strips back together, along the long edge, pairing them as stacked. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam throughout the sewing of this block. Match up the curves as you go. Press seams to the darker fabric. Separate pressed sections into two groups.
- Cut your last strip into two pieces, cutting in the long direction. You can use a ruler if you like, the cut should be roughly down the middle. Place a piece with each of groups from the last step.
- Arrange your pieces from each group in an order that pleases you. One group will be the top row of the block and the other, will be the bottom row (photo 5.) Now sew these rows together, pressing to the darker fabric.
- Your last seam will be to sew these two halves together, as in the photo of the final block. Try flipping one half around to find the combination you prefer.
- 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!



Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 4



Photo 5

Keep quilting!

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