

Block of The Month 2020: Block #2

Okay now we are off and running with our next block. This block doesn't have a name – we just got creative. This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. These blocks are due at the March 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 as these are approximate sizes.)

Coordinating Fabric: 4½" X 8½" piece (the piece doesn't have to be a rectangle, just a four-sided piece that is at least this size and not more than one inch longer in either direction)

Focus Fabric: 2¾" X 12"

Black: 2¾" X 24"

White: 2¾" X 30"

Assembling the block:

- Starting with the focus fabric, this piece should be 2¾" wide and about 12" long. Make a cut across the width of the strip -- you can decide where, but it works best if it is at least four inches from either end. Sew these pieces to either end of your white strip of fabric, see photo 2, (you can use scrap pieces of white that are 2¾" wide and long enough to make strips that are as long as the long sides of your coordinating fabric.) Matching one end of the focus fabric strip to long side of the coordinating fabric, sew together and trim to match the length as shown in photo 3. Repeat on the other side with the other part of the focus fabric. Press away from the coordinating fabric. The focus fabric pieces should be at opposite ends of the coordinating fabric.
- Now with the black fabric and the remaining white fabric, make strips that will cover the other two sides of the coordinating fabric. See photo 4. The black fabric is placed against the white of the prior round. Use a length of the black that will roughly go to the middle of the side as in the photo. Trim to match the sides in the last round. Press away from center.
- For the final step, do same as the last step, but this time placing the black and white strips against the focus fabric sides. The black ends should match up with the black of the prior round and white with the white. See photo 5. Trim to match the sides in the last round. Press away from center.
- Now using your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block and trim to 12½" X 12½". Move the ruler around until you find the final look you like best.
- Repeat to make a second block to keep!

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Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5