

Block of The Month 2020: Block #7

Hello block of the month participants. Our new block is beautiful and great for using scraps. 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.

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 because we can't give actual sizes.)

Focus fabric: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " X 14", sub-cut this into two pieces near the middle (between 7" and 8" long for one piece)

Black, white, & coordinating fabric: strips of various lengths and widths – most widths will be 1" to 2". The approximate total length for each these fabrics is 60 inches (either the black or white fabric - your choice will only need about 50 inches. You need to decide if you want to frame the block in your white or black fabric. Set this framing fabric aside.

Your remaining fabrics will surround the focus fabric – switching the order on either half of the block.

Assembling the block:

- First thing we are going to do is add the long side pieces to the focus fabric pieces as in photo 3. To estimate how wide to make these, look at photo 2. You will need 12" of total width plus the 3" of focus fabric in these 10 strips, so the average width should be 1.5". Use scraps or cut strips. Sew long sides on and press out. Now add matching fabrics to the tops and bottoms. The widths of these should also be approximately 1.5". Press out.
- Next add the second round to each of these rectangles, switching the fabrics on each side as in photo 5. Press out.
- For the final framing, add a strip of your framing fabric to the top and bottom, adjusting the width so that the total length of each half is at least 12.5". Press to the darker fabric.
- Sew a strip of your framing fabric between the two pieces, matching the length. Press to the darker fabric.
- Measure your block, you need to add framing fabric to make is at least 12.5" wide. Subtract your width from 12.5" and add an inch for seam allowances. You need to add this much fabric width in these final two pieces. Sew to the sides and press to the darker fabric.
- Use 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 $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Repeat to make a second block to keep!

Remember, you can make the widths of the strips all different, all the same or mix it up. Your choice.

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Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6