

Block of The Month 2020: Block #3

This month we have another un-named block, but we decided to call it Building Block. This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. These blocks are due at the April 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 assign which fabrics are the specific widths, as describe next. This may possibly allow you to use some scraps. You need one strip of fabric 1¾" wide, two strips 1½" wide, and two strips 2" wide. The following are the maximum lengths you should need of each fabric.

Black: 8" strip

Focus Fabric: 22" strip

Coordinating Fabric: 42" strip

White: 83" (two strips)

Assembling the block:

We will be making four sub-blocks that are like assembling only two sides of a log cabin block. You need to first decide which fabrics are going to be which widths. The white fabric is used twice, and it doesn't have to be the same width in both rounds, but that does make it easier.

- Starting with the black fabric, this piece needs to be four times longer than its width. Lay the strip on top of your focus fabric strip, right sides together, matching top and right edges. Sew together and press to the black, see photo 2. Trim the extra focus fabric off the end and cut this strip into four equal pieces (that should be the width of your black fabric.) Using the left-over strip of focus fabric, sew it to an adjacent side of the black fabric on each piece as in photo 3. Press the fabric in the other direction (see photo 4.)
- Repeat these steps with a white strip (photo 5), then repeat with your coordinating fabric, and repeat once more with your remaining white fabric. Each time press the first side one direction and the second side the other direction. Your four sub-blocks should measure approximately 6¾" wide.
- Arrange the blocks as shown in the first photo. Sew the two horizontal rows and press in opposite directions. Since each piece in each round was pressed in the opposite direction, the seam where the rows match up, should have seams that nest together. Now, sew these pieces together along the middle seam. Press this last seam and then press the whole block.
- Now using your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. Align the center of the square up ruler with the center of the block and trim to 12½" X 12½" (see photo 6.)
- Repeat to make a second block to keep!



← Photo 2

Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

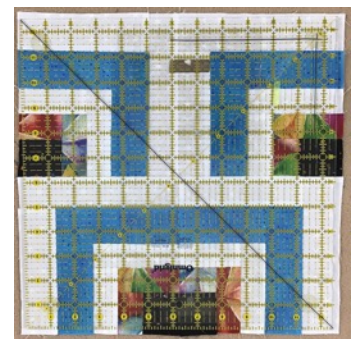


Photo 6

This block makes a wonderful pattern when it is repeated and if you make a whole quilt with this block, play with rotating some of the blocks and it makes a great 3-D effect.