

Block of The Month 2020: Block #5

Another beautiful block this month – our sister, Kristine Timm (another guild member) came up with the idea for this block. We're calling this block "No Commitment" because you have a lot of opportunity to change the size of the piece. 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 as these are approximate sizes.)

Starting pentagon: one five-sided piece of fabric, the width of the piece should be approximately 3" to 4.5" between opposite sides. You decide which fabric to start with.

Fabrics for rounds: Use strips that vary from 1" to 3" wide. You can use wider strips but save those for the third or fourth round. You need to use at least two pieces of each of the fabrics except the focus fabric – you only have to use one piece of that. This is a good use of scraps. You may be able to use some triangle pieces for the final corners.

Assembling the block:

- Lay the starting piece right side up with the side you want to add a strip to on top. Choose any of your other fabrics and place this fabric strip right side up above the starting piece. Position the piece to be added to make sure this strip will cover the length of the edge. Check the right edge to make sure it will be long enough when sewn and pressed. Flip the piece to be added down, aligning the edge to be sewn (see Photo 2.)
- Sew the strips together, a precise $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is not important. Press to the newly added fabric. Turn the unit counterclockwise. You will turn your block in that direction and add the next piece each time. Always check that the strip is long enough.
- Use a rotary cutter and ruler and trim so the next edge you will be sewing is straight (photo 3.) Continue adding pieces, trimming the next edge straight, checking the fit of the piece and sewing on strips for three rounds. You can add the fabrics in any order you want. You should wait at least to near the end of the second round to add your focus fabric.
- At the end of round 3, lay your 12.5" square up ruler over the block as in photo 4. You will be able to see what needs to be added to make the block the square. Add strips to finish filling out the block, but only add to fill out these spaces. You don't necessarily need to add full strips and it is possible that triangle scrap pieces may work. See photo 5
- Using the 12.5" square up ruler, square the block to 12.5". 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