

Block of The Month 2020: Block #11

This month we have another un-named block, but the twist is that there are two versions to choose from. This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. These blocks are due at the January 2021 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. Use leftover scraps)

Version 1 (large block)

Coordinating Fabric: one -- 6.25" square
Focus Fabric: 1" X 14" strip
(Sub-cut strip to 6.25" and 7.75" long)
White: 1.5" X 14" strip
(Sub-cut strip to 6.25" and 7.75" long)
2" X 17" strip
(Sub-cut strip to 7.75" and 9.25" long)
Black: 2.25" X 44" strip total length
(Sub-cut two 9.25" and two 12.75" long)

Version 2 (4 small blocks)

four -- 3" squares
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" X 28" strip
(Sub-cut four 3" and four 4" long pieces)
1.25" X 28" strip
(Sub-cut to four 3" and four 4" long pieces)
1.5" X 36" strip
(Sub-cut to four 4" and four 5" long pieces)
1.5" X 96" strip total length
(Sub-cut to eight 5" and eight 7" long pieces)

Assembling the block: (please use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam)

Follow the piece sizes for the version of the block you choose. If making version 2, remember you are creating four small blocks, so you will need to repeat some steps.

- The first step is to sew the strip of focus fabric to the long side of the skinnier strip of white fabric, press to the focus fabric. Check the width of your strip and trim off any extra width from the white fabric. The width for version 1 is 2" and version 2 is 1.5". If you have one long strip – sub-cut after sewing these together.
- Now, sew these two pieces to two adjoining sides of the coordinating fabric -- have the focus fabric side next to the coordinating fabric. Press, see photo 3.
- Sew a white strip to each of the remaining sides of the coordinating fabric and press (see photo 4.)
- Next sew the black pieces to the square. Add the two shorter pieces first to opposite sides of the block and press to the black (see photo 5.) Then add the last two pieces and press. If you are making version 1, you are finished except for the squaring up.
- If making version 2, check the size of each of your blocks. They should be between 6.5" and 7" square. Without making them any smaller than 6.5", trim any ragged edges. Arrange them in two rows of two in a way that pleases your eye. Sew the blocks together, pressing the center seams in opposite directions.
- Now to square them up. Now using your $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " X $12\frac{1}{2}$ " –wonky is okay!
- Repeat to make a second block to keep!



Photo 3



Photo 4

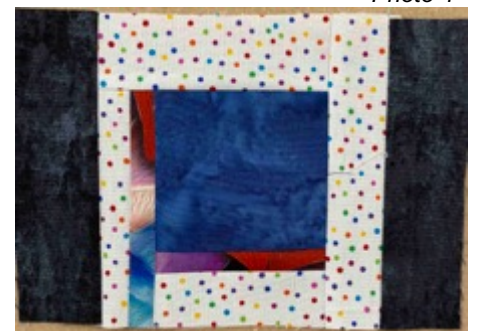


Photo 5

We suggest you make both – it's like having a bonus block.

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