

## Block of The Month 2020: Block #9

Our new block this month is one that Shelly came up with. These blocks are due at the October 2020 meeting, or the next meeting we are able to have.

This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. 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.)

You get to choose where each fabric is used and how much except for the focus fabric, but you need at least one piece of each fabric. Please try to use scrap pieces, especially for the focus fabric, which can be two shorter pieces that equal about 10". If using different size pieces, adjust other measurements to accommodate your pieces.

Focus Fabric -- 1 strip: 2" X 10" It doesn't have to be exact.

Black, White, & Coordinating: At least one piece of each. These pieces should be at least 2" wide. The length will depend on placement. Don't cut until needed.

### Assembling the block:

1. Cut the focus fabric approximately in half so you have two 2" wide pieces. Next, sew a piece of black, white, or coordinating to each focus piece. These pieces should be the same width as your focus and long enough to make your pieces about 10" long as in photo 2. Press seams to the darker fabric.
2. Next, sew a strip of black, white, or coordinating to either side of the 2 pieces from step 1. The total width needed for each set of two fabrics should be about  $5\frac{3}{4}$ " and the length of each piece is the same the piece from step 1. When these pieces are sewn together, each should be between  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $6\frac{3}{4}$ " wide. See photo 3. Press seams to the darker fabric.
3. Now sew a piece of black, white, or coordinating to the end closest to the focus fabric. This piece will be the width of the pieces from step 2 and the length will be about  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". The length needs to be adjusted if the pieces from step 2 are more or less than 10". The final length, when sewn, should be between  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $12\frac{3}{4}$ ". See photo 4. Press seams to the piece just added.
4. There should now be 2 pieces minimum between  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $6\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " &  $12\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Now take one the pieces and turn it 180 degrees and sew the 2 pieces together. See photo 1. Press seams to the darker fabric.
5. Now using 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  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Move the ruler around until you find the final look you like best,
6. Repeat to make a second block to keep!

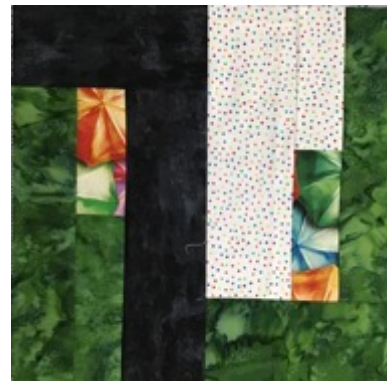


Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

Stay safe and hope to see you soon.

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