

## Block of The Month 2021: Block #4

This month we decided to try to simplify the Storm at Sea block. It isn't exactly an improv version – but you don't need any templates or special rulers. To get started, here are the fabrics you need: your focus fabric, a coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, and two neutral color fabrics. Pick ones that contrast with each other. (Neutral colors include black, brown, grey, white, and shades or hues of these.) Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.)

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

**Fabric 1** (fabric for outside edge of block & outside of center square):

- Four 2.5" X 5" rectangles (stack in pairs, right sides facing – cut on one diagonal, photo 2)
- Four 3.75" squares
- Two 4.25" squares (cut on one diagonal to get 4 triangles)

**Fabric 2** (used for diamond shape pieces & flip corners):

- Four 2" squares (on back side of each draw a line slightly off the diagonal)
- Four 3.5" X 7" rectangles (for each, fold in half and press, then fold in half again and press so it is 1/4th its size, use a ruler and cut off unfolded corner, see photo 3)

**Fabric 3** (grey fabric in photo 1):

- Four 2.5" X 5" rectangles (stack in pairs, right sides facing – cut on one diagonal (photo 2)
- One 4.25" square (cut on both diagonals to get 4 triangles)

**Fabric 4** (Center square):

- One 3.5" square (fold in half and press on both directions to mark centers lines)

### Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- To make the corner pieces of the block, align one 2" square of Fabric 2 to one corner of each of the 3.75" squares of Fabric 1. We had you draw a line slightly off the diagonal on each of these 2" squares. This is the sewing line and if you put this closest to the corner, it will guide you to sew slightly off the diagonal to make this piece fill the corner. Trim off the extra layers of fabric under the new corner 1/4" from seam (photo 4.) Press to the dark.
- For the square in a square center, sew long side of Fabric 3 triangles (from 4.25" square) to Fabric 4 square, one on each side. Use the press marks to align the points in the center. Press to the added triangles. Check the size of this square. If larger than 4.75" square, trim down. Add Fabric 1 triangles (from 4.25" squares) to the outsides of this square following the same directions we just used (photo 5.)
- To make the diamond pieces, make sure you stack the 2.5" X 5" rectangles of Fabrics 1 & 3 in pairs with right sides facing together. You need four triangles of each fabric, in each shape and that requires half the rectangles to be facing the opposite direction when cut. When cutting the diamond shape from the 3.5" X 7" rectangles, make sure you are cutting off the loose corners, not folded corners. Arrange the triangle pieces around the diamond as shown in photo 7. Sew triangles to diamond. Align point of triangle 1/4" from point of diamond as shown in photo 6. Press.
- We want you to trim all sides except the outer edge of these pieces. Refer to the arrows in photo 7. If you line up these points of the diamond with 1.75" from the top and 3.25" for the middle, you can trim to the correct size (width will be 6.5")
- See photo 1 for reference. Arrange your pieces in order and sew together horizontal rows. Press the top and bottom rows out and the middle row in. Sew together these three rows and press.
- Now to square it up. Use your 12 1/2" X 12 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 1/2" X 12 1/2".

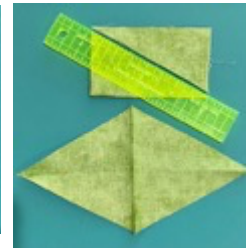


Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7

We hope you love this block as much as we do!

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