

Block of The Month 2021: Block #3

This month Adriane saw a block she wanted to try to recreate as an improv block. 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 (used for triangle piece):

- One 7" square, sub-cut by cutting on both diagonals –see photo 2
- One 7.25" strip that will be combined with a with a piece of fabric 2 to make another 7.25" square – see photo 3

Fabric 2 (used for center square):

- One 3" square
- One 7.25" wide piece that will be combined with a with a piece of fabric 1 to make another 7.25" square. This piece is the bigger of the two parts – see photo 3

Fabric 3 (used in center strips): Four 3" X 8" strips

Fabric 4 (other strip): Four 2" X 6.5" strips

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- Sew a strip of fabric 4 to one short side of each triangle of fabric 1. Sew it to the same side of each triangle (photo 4.) Press to dark.
- Make your 7.25" square from the pieces of fabric 1 & 2. Press to dark. Cut into four strips by cutting perpendicular to the seam line (photo 5) and sew these strips to the other short side of each triangle. Check the layout of the block in photo one to make sure you have these strips facing the right direction. Press.
- With two of the triangles add a strip of fabric 3 to the side of the triangle you sewed fabric 4 (photo 6.) Press.
- See photo 7. Sew each of the remaining triangles to the other side of fabric 3 and press.
- Sew the remaining two strips of fabric 3 to opposite sides of the 3" square of fabric 2 to make the center strip. Press.
- Sew the triangle assemblies to either side of the center strip and press. See photo 1 for reference.
- Now to square it up. Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. Make sure there is fabric under all parts of the ruler and trim to 12½" X 12½".



Photo 2

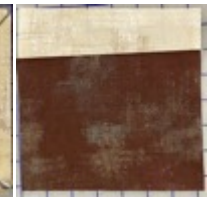


Photo 3



Photo 4

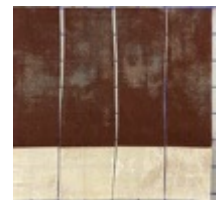


Photo 5

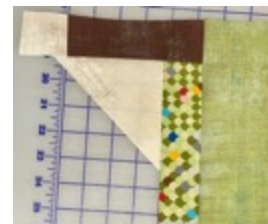


Photo 6



Photo 7

Please check out the Round Robin for 2021 if you haven't already.

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