

Block of The Month 2021: Block #10

Our block this month is a 7-patch block. We are sure if that is a real category, but let's go with it.

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 -- you decide fabric placement

Fabric 1: two 4.75" squares & one 4.5" square

Fabric 2, 3 & 4: One strip of each, the total length of each is 26.5", but it can be made up of two 8.75" strips and two 4.5" strips. The width of the three strips together before sewing should be 5.75", so the average width of each strip should be about 2". These pieces don't have to be even or cut straight; you just need to get 4.75" width after sewing.

Assembling the block: Use a quarter inch seam

- To make the strip sets, join fabrics 2, 3 & 4 as shown in photo 2. Keep the order of the strips the same if you are using multiple shorter pieces. Press the strip sets, pressing to the darker fabric. Now cut the long strip set so you end up with two 8.75" strips and two 4.5". They all should be 4.75" wide.
- Refer to the diagram in photo 3 and arrange the pieces of the block. The middle row is 4.5" tall – so use the smaller of the fabric 1 squares here. The top and bottom row are the same, just the bottom is turned around.
- Sew the pieces of each row together, pressing toward fabric 1.
- Arrange your rows and sew the horizontal seams between the rows and press. The seams should nest if pressed correctly.
- 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". You can make it wonky or not, it is your decision what you like best.



Photo 2

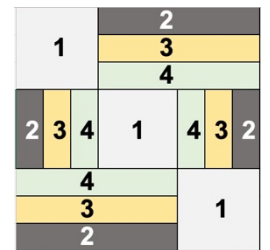


Photo 3

We hope you enjoy this block, more next month.

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Block of the Month Coordinators

Attention 2020 Block of the Month Participants

Please bring your blocks to the guild meeting in September or October. We will do the drawing for the block of the month winners at the October meeting. You don't need to be present, but we do need the blocks. Thanks