

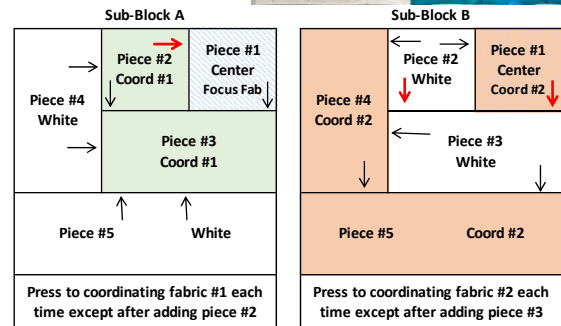
Block of The Month 2023: Block #8

Here is our next log cabin variation called Bento Box. The 2023 focus fabric is from Hoffman and is called Paint Impressions. In addition to the focus fabric, you will need a white fabric and two additional coordinating fabrics based on the colors in the focus fabric. Remember, all our blocks end up 12.5" X 12.5" (a 12" finished block.) We will have the focus fabric available for sale at guild meetings for \$3 per fat quarter. 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:

- Focus Fabric:** Two 2.5" squares (Sub-block A)
- Coord. fabric 1:** Two 2.5" squares (Sub-block A)
Two 2.5" X 4.5" strips (Sub-block A)
- Coor. fabric 2:** Two 2.5" squares (Sub-block B)
Two 2.5" X 4.5" strips (Sub-block B)
Two 2.5" X 6.5" strips (Sub-block B)
- White:** Two 2.5" squares (Sub-block B)
Four 2.5" X 4.5" strips (use 2 in each)
Two 2.5" X 6.5" strips (Sub-block A)



Assembling the block: Use a scant quarter inch seam.

This block is a small version of the block we made in April. With this version you will make four sub-blocks, two of each color combination. To make the piecing easier, work on one sub-block at a time. Lay the pieces out in front of you and follow the arrows in photo 2 for pressing. You will usually be pressing to the coordinating fabric.

- Sub-block A: Make two units. Join a coordinating fabric one 2.5" square with a focus fabric 2.5" square. Press. Place the unit horizontal with the focus fabric on the right. Add a coordinating fabric one 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle to the bottom edge. Press. With the unit oriented the same, add a white 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle to the left side. Press. Finally, add a white 2.5" X 6.5" rectangle to the bottom edge. Press. Check that each is 6.5" square. Trim if necessary.
- Sub-block B: Make two units. Join a white 2.5" square with a coordinating fabric two 2.5" square Press. Place the unit horizontal with the coordinating fabric two on the right. Add a white 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle to the bottom edge. Press. With the unit oriented the same, add a coordinating fabric two 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle to the left side. Press. Finally, add a coordinating fabric two 2.5" X 6.5" rectangle to the bottom edge. Press. Check that each is 6.5" square. Trim if necessary.
- Arrange the blocks as shown in the first photo. Sew the two horizontal rows and press in opposite directions. If you pressed as shown in the diagram, the seams should nest together. Next, sew these pieces together along the middle seam. Press this last seam and then press the whole block.
- Now use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler to check that your block is the correct size. Place the ruler over the block. Trim to 12½" X 12½" if needed.

Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



[Link to YouTube](#)

Hope all enjoyed this block. If you are turning in blocks at the guild meeting, these are due at the September meeting.

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