

## Block of The Month 2023: Block #5

This month's block is called a Log Cabin Basket. It seems like a good spring block. Our 2023 focus fabric is from Hoffman and is called Paint Impressions. This month in addition to the focus fabric and a white fabric, you need 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.

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

For this block – there will be extra pieces left from your white and coordinating 1 fabrics.

Focus Fabric: 2" X 5.25" strip; 2" X 6.5" strip

Coordinating fabric 1: 3.75" square (cut on one diagonal); 7.5" square; 2" X 8" strip; 2" X 9.5" strip

Coordinating fabric 2: 2" X 8" strip; 2" X 9.5" strip

White: 6.5" square; 7" square (cut these both on one diagonal); 7.5" square

**Assembling the block:** Use an accurate quarter inch seam. We will assemble this block in two halves, the bottom, then the top.

- Make quarter square triangles: On wrong side of white 7.5" square mark two diagonal lines from opposite corners. Stack this square with the 7.5" square of coordinating 1 fabric, right sides together. Stitch these together by sewing  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from both sides of one of these diagonal lines. Using a ruler, cut on both diagonal lines. This will give you two pairs of quarter square triangles; you only need one pair for this block. (Photos 2 & 3)
- Arrange your fabric pieces so they match the finished block.
- We are starting the assembly with the bottom half. For this half – press to newly added pieces. With your small triangle of coordinating 1 fabric, line up the 90° corner with a corner of the 5.25" strip of focus fabric. Sew together along the long edge. Press. Place the 6.5" strip of focus fabric along the other side of this corner and repeat. (Photos 4 & 5). Repeat this process to add a round of coordinating fabric 2.
- Next, add the quarter square triangles by centering the hypotenuse over the coordinating 2 fabric edges and lining up the other edge of the quarter square triangle with the hypotenuse of the triangle of coordinating 1 fabric we started with. (Photo 6.)
- The top half is assembled in the same fashion – just a couple fewer steps. Press the seams in this half the other direction. The triangles of 7" square of white fabric, attach in the same method as the bottom half. (Photo 7.)
- Now we need to trim the top and bottom halves to their correct size 6.5" X 12.5". We trim the outside edges first by using a ruler at least 6.5" X 12.5". Make sure you have  $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the top and bottom points of the basket and make sure your halves are at 6.5" long – then trim the outer three sides. The points of the inner triangles should line up on the 6.25" line of your ruler. (Photo 8.) Turn piece around and align the top edge of the block (or bottom edge when trimming the bottom half) with the 6.5" line on your ruler. Trim off extra fabric on the middle edges of block. Sew these two together at the middle seam. Press.
- Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block. It should be 12.5" square.

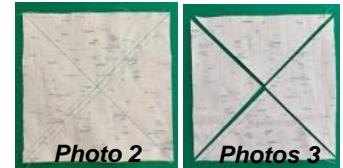


Photo 4

Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



[Link to YouTube](#)

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