



Info for BOTM 2022-2023

Dear BOTM ladies,
Hopefully, you have started going through your stash and selecting fabrics for our BOTM project. Here are some tips on fabric choices and yardage. We will zoom on the **3rd Monday of the month at 7:00**. Please email me to put you on the zoom list, btnbox@gmail.com
Thanks, Catherine Gentile

Fabric selection:

- Our log cabin block has one side with narrow strips and one with wider strips. The dark and light fabrics will change position between the narrow and wider sides of the log cabin as we make the blocks = half will have dark on the wider strips and half will have dark on the narrower strips. The same applies to the lighter fabrics – half will have wide strips and half narrow.
- Every block needs two different values/colors that are noticeably different. Those can vary in value as long as there is clear definition between them. You may be pairing a dark and medium or medium and light.
- Choose an equal number of dark to medium and medium to lights for your BOTM fabric collection. Feel free to get different textures in the same color, say a beige solid and beige batik. Small prints, patterns and textures that are close in color are fine to use.

Yardage requirements:

For one 5 ½" block -

- The wide strip requires 22"x 1.5"
- The narrow side requires a square 1.5" x 1.5" and one narrow strip is 24" x 1"
- Some color pairs have one log cabin block. One pair has 4 repeats. The balance of the 36 blocks will have 2 or 3 repeats.

That means: the very MOST you will of one color/fabric is 5" x WOF to complete 4 repeats of a 6" block.

The project can be done easily with 30 fabrics and not have to repeat any pairs except where designated.

My preference for more allows me to take a required 4 block set and swap out a fabric for another very similar value/fabric with a close color.

- Our project requires 15 pairs of values/colors
- I would suggest you make up a page such as the one I have in my quilt journal.
- There are 35 fabrics in my group and as you can see there are brackets around five of the colors.
- These are fabrics so close in color and value that I will use them interchangeably where I may be asked to make multiple repeats.

If you do not have 30 choices:

- You will need to number your fabrics differently as we still need 15 pairs
- For instance:
 - If you have only 15 fabrics, each fabric will be used twice.
 - Fabric #1 will also be #2
- I would suggest you go back to your stash and add anything with a small pattern or design – batiks or tone on tone prints even muted multicolor

Palette choices:

- Your choices do not need to be a full color spectrum
- I picked my favorites from my stash, usually a grouping of tertiary colors
- I yanked anything that jumped out which for me was screaming lime or orange
- Turquoise is replaced with seafoam giving me the blend that works for me
- Choose your favorite colors or make up a palette using an inspirational source
- Amy Rabinowitz is using a painting, Diana wants a fall palette