



Block of the Month

2021-2022

Now that we have completed all of the blocks, let's construct the center tiles.

If you have questions about pressing the seams, please watch the video on the Sew N Sew YouTube about reducing bulk in seams.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCZVKFIYFDz7ahxKLEj4rJg/videos>

Option #1: 16 center tiles with multiple borders and flanges as shown above

- Make 16 tile blocks
 - Cut twenty 5 ½" squares of backgrounds
 - From the scraps left from cutting blocks, cut sixty four 2" squares of random colors
 - Crease a fold diagonally across the 2" squares
 - Place the square in a corner of the background square. Stitch along the fold and flip the other half to the corner. Press and cut away the excess layers beneath the flip
 - Repeat on all four sides. Make sixteen tiles
 - Sew the tiles together in a pleasing arrangement, a tile medallion, and press
- Add a ¼" flange from a contrasting fabric. Cut four strips 1" x 20 ½". Fold in half and press in a fold along the length.
 - Place the strip along the edge of the tile medallion with the fold facing in and the edges matching. Stitch with a *scant ¼" seam and a longer seam length*.
 - Overlap the ends at the corners, cut off any excess. Finished measurement is 20 ½".
- Add a 1 ½" border of background:
 - Cut two strips 2" x 20 ½" and sew them to each side
 - Cut two strips 2" x 23 ½" and sew them to the top and bottom
- Add a 1" border of bold color or stripe
 - Cut two strips 1 ½" x 23 ½" and sew them to each side
 - Cut two strips 1 ½" x 25 ½" and sew them to the top and bottom
- Add another dark flange to the bold border if you choose:
 - Cut four strips 1" x 25 ½", fold press and stitch to the bold border with a scant seam
- Finish with a 1" border of background fabric:
 - Cut two strips 1 ½" x 25 ½" for the sides
 - Cut two strips 1 ½" x 27 ½" for the top and bottom

Option #2: 25 center tiles with one border of background fabric

- Make 25 tile blocks according to the directions above
 - Cut an inner border of background:
 - Two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $25\frac{1}{2}$ " for each side of the tiles
 - Two strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $27\frac{1}{2}$ " for the top and bottom
- Add a dark accent flange around the medallion. See direction in Option #1

Arrange the finished 9" quilt blocks in the order of your choice. There will be three on each side of the center tile block and five across the top and bottom.

Paper pieced borders:

Download the paper pieced patterns. The finished measurement side to side, measure the dark solid line, should be $3\frac{3}{4}$ ". Top to bottom measurement is 4"

The corners are 4" x 4"

Construct 24 left sides, 24 right sides and 4 corners

The best accuracy with paper piecing patterns is to download the pattern and save it. Then, print from the saved copy. Print one copy and check the measurements. You may have to reduce or enlarge to get the correct measurement. When downloaded the pattern prints out exactly to size on my printer. Make sure your printer is set for "100% actual size" or it will shrink the copy to fit a set margin.

Outer borders:

- The quilt should measure about 53" square.
- Make a narrow inner border of some more solid looking fabric to frame the piecing and follow up with a wider outer border. The outer border is a good place for a print that picks up your colors.
- Enjoy

Secondary Pattern PDF

I have attached a PDF of 4 individual repeats of each of our eight blocks. The four blocks are placed together to show you the secondary patterns that are created. Some of the blocks have interesting secondary patterns you might like. Because they stitch up so quickly, you might use them for Project Linus quilts.