

JUNE BLOCK OF THE MONTH – OUT OF THE BOX



Here is a cute 12” block that made its debut as a mail order block sometime between 1920 and 1940. There are no set in seams. That is handled with flying geese units. There are 9 colors in the block and we will supply ALL 9! Read all of these instructions before you begin. Take your time and use the diagrams and pictures. Careful, the seam allowance for the Boxes is **scant** ¼” inch and the seam allowance for the top, bottom, and sides units are 1/4 “.

IMPORTANT: Please call or email me to confirm you want to participate in this BOM so I can send you the fabrics and put you on my list. The completed block should be mailed to me with the drawing slip and any extra fabric. Allow enough time so I will receive it by the next meeting. The next meeting is July 12th. **DO NOT** mail me the instructions. You can keep them for future use.

I will mail the instructions to you or you can print them from the website at pvqa.org. Look for the tab, “Block of the Month”. Read “How it works” before you begin. As always, if you have any questions, call me. I’m on the roster with all of my contact information.

Fabrics strips you will receive (See page 4 for color swatches.)

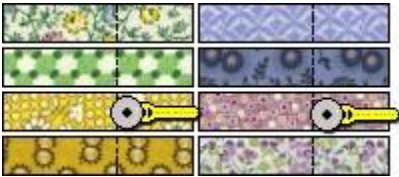
- Color 1 Lime green and yellow batik: One 2” x 4” strip and one 2” x 8-1/2” strip.
- Color 2 Green with green and white flowers: One 2” x 8-1/2” strip.
- Color 3 Teal with orange batik: One 2” x 4” strip and one 2” x 8-1/2” strip
- Color 4 Blue with yellow dots batik: One 2” x 8-1/2” strip
- Color 5 Wine with dark blue swirls: One 2 x 4” strip and one 2” x 8-1/2” strip
- Color 6 Wine with pink batik: One 2” x 8-1/2” strip
- Color 7 Light and dark yellow batik: One 2” x 4” strip and one 2” x 8-1/2” strip
- Color 8 Gold with grey dots: One 2” x 8-1/2” strip
- Color 9 White on white polka dots: One 2” x 14” strip and one 3-1/2” x 14 strip

PREPARING THE PIECES AND SEWING THE BLOCKS:

Separate strips carefully. They tend to stick together, then sub-cut them as directed in figures 1, 2, 3:

Cut all of your 2" x 8-1/2" strips into one 5" and one 3-1/2" rectangle (Fig 1)

FIG 1



Cut all of your 2" x 4" strips into two 2" squares of each (Fig 2) Fig

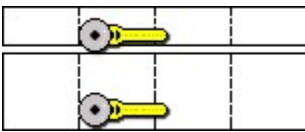
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Cut background 2" x 14" strip into four 2" x 3-1/2" rectangles (Fig 3)

Cut the background 3-1/2" x 14" strip into four 3-1/2" squares (Fig 3) Fig

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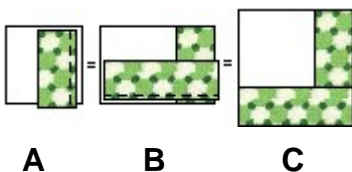


Make the Boxes

Right sides together, sew a 3-1/2" color 1 rectangle to the **right side** of the background square, using a "scant"* 1/4" seam. (Fig 4A) Next, sew a 5" color 1 rectangle to the bottom of the box square.

(Fig 4B) Make 3 more box units like this in colors 3, 5 and 7 to complete Box unit (Fig 4C).

Fig 4



Beginners; *"Scant" means a seam that is slightly less than 1/4".

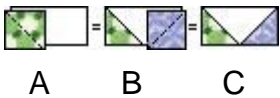
Make the flying geese units

Right sides together, place a Color 1 small “2 x 2” square on left side of a Color 9 rectangle 3-1/2” (Fig 5A). Draw a diagonal line on the 2” square from top left to bottom right. (Fig 5A). Then, sew on the drawn line. Cut excess to a seam of 1/4”. Open out and press with seam to dark side (Fig 5B).

Note: It may be difficult to start sewing at the point of the square when doing the diagonal seam. The machine will tend to pull the corner into the bobbin case. Start a couple of stitches beyond the point and go SLOW. Or, put a small piece of scrap fabric at the point and bring your seam on the scrap, easing onto the point

Then, sew a 2”x 2” square of Color 3 to the right side of the Color 9 rectangle (Fig 5B), draw diagonal line from right upper corner to left lower corner, sew on line, trim excess and open out, press seam toward dark side (Fig 5C). Color 3 will slightly overlap the bottom of color 1.

Fig 5



Repeat 3 more geese units; one with Color 3/Color5, one with color 5/Color 7 and the last with color 7/Color 1.

IMPORTANT: Add 5” Color 1 rectangle to the left side of the flying geese unit and 5” rectangle color 3 to right side of the flying geese unit. This is the **TOP** flying geese unit for your BOX unit. Refer to Fig 6 for placements. The 3-1/2” rectangles will be added to the ends of the geese units for the **SIDES** of the BOX units. **Piece the Block!**

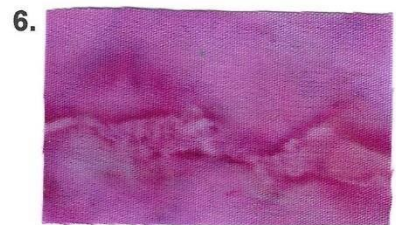
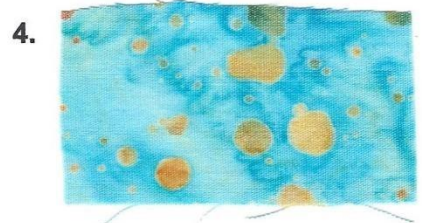
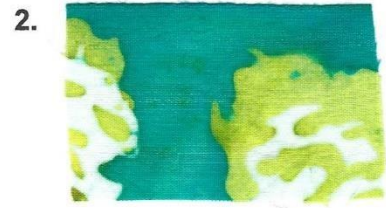
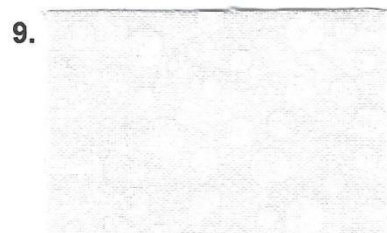
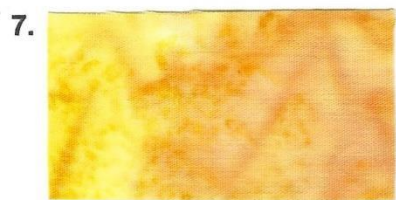
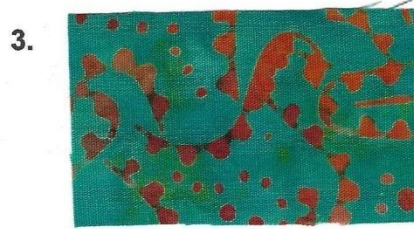
All seams are 1/4”. **First**, sew your four center box units together (see Fig 6). **Next**, add the SIDES then TOPS and BOTTOMS with flying geese units you have made. It is important to add SIDES first, then TOP and BOTTOMS. Trim any excess to fit the box unit.

This is a free pattern from Quilters Cache. If you need a quilt pattern, visit Marcia Hohn’s website at <http://www.quilterscache.com> where there are hundreds of free patterns in several different sizes.

Fig 6



HERE ARE COLORS 1 thru 9 Fabric Samples:



Color 9 is white on white polka-dots.