

November Block of the Month

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Braided Frame

Cutting Instructions:

- 1) From background fabric, cut 1 -- $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- 2) From 1 (lighter) -- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip, cut the following:
 - a) 8 -- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
 - b) 4 -- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- 3) From each of 4 (darker) jelly roll strips, cut the following:
 - a) 1 -- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square (making 4 total)
 - b) 1 -- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle (making 4 total)



Sewing Instructions:

- 1) Take the 4 -- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles and 4 of the lighter $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 lighter squares. Place one square at the end of one rectangle and sew ON the line and press open as shown in Figure A. Repeat to make 4.



Figure A

Note: Be sure all of the diagonal lines are going the same direction.

- 2) Take the other 4 lighter $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, the 4 darker $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and the 4 lighter $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles. Take one of each size and sew together with the darker square in the middle as shown in Figure B.



Figure B

- 3) Layout block as shown in Figure C. First sew together the two pieced rectangles that are next to each other as shown in Figure D.



Figure D

- 4) To assemble the block, use partial seams like we did in Block 8 with the Green Fairy. First, sew the part of the seam the arrow shows to sew first in Figure C. Then sew the other pieces on counter-clockwise around the center.

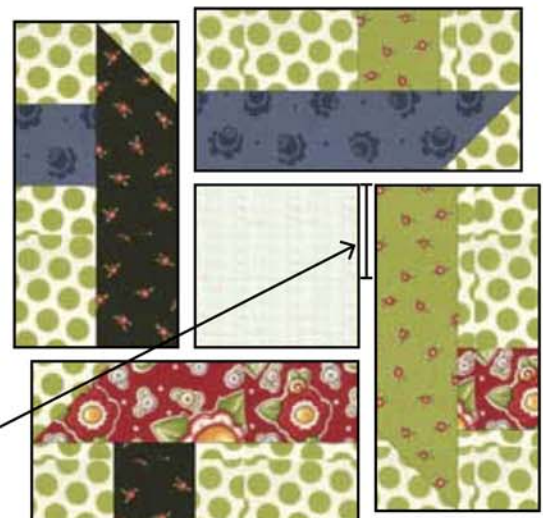


Figure C

Note: If that doesn't really make sense see the instructions to Block 8.

- 5) Press. The block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ "

Sew this part of the seam first.