



Modern Block of the Month

The October Block

w/ Cheryl Nelson

This block certainly isn't the most economical with your fabric, but its graphic appeal is worth it. If you make a lot of these blocks, keep all of your matching scraps for another quilt!

Fabric Requirements:

- Fabric A (bone): 1/4" yard
- Fabric B (orange): 2" x 13" scrap
- Fabric C (blue): 2" x 17" scrap
- Fabric D (gray): 2" x 20" scrap



Cut List:

bone / white

- A1 9.5" x 5.5"
- A2 5" x 5"
- A3 9" x 13" (cutting this to 10" x 13" will give more wiggle room for the final step of cutting out your block)

orange

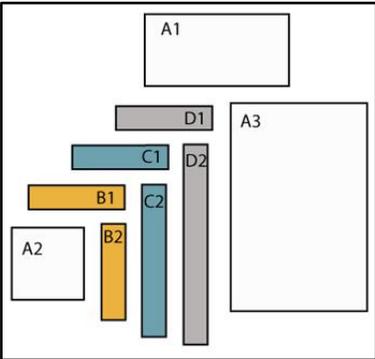
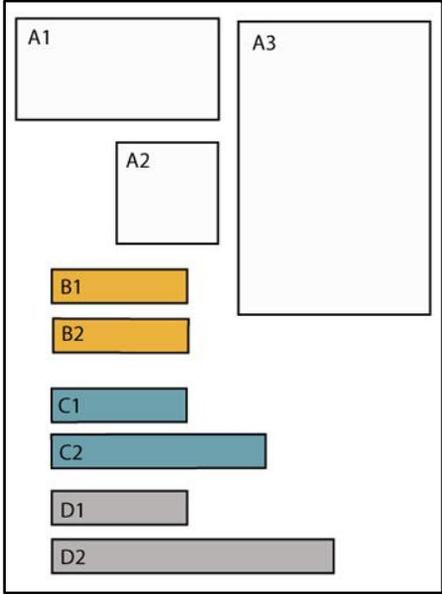
- B1 2" x 6.5"
- B2 2" x 6.5"

blue

- C1 2" x 6.5"
- C2 2" x 10"

gray

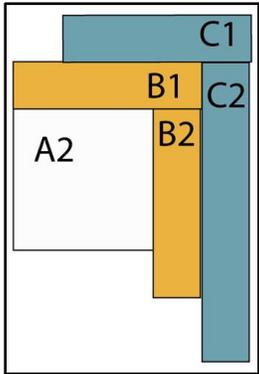
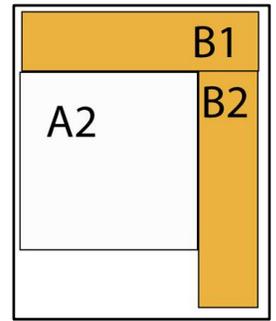
- D1 2" x 6.5"
- D2 2" x 13"



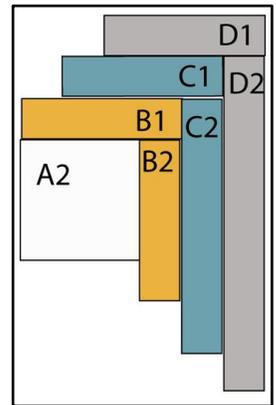
Assembling the Block:

Building on A2, assemble your block.

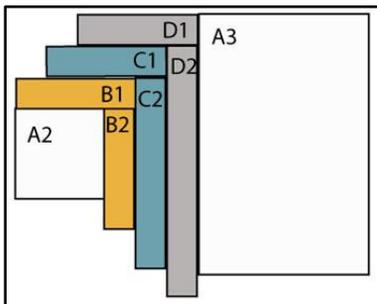
1. First sew B2 onto A2, press the seam and sew B1 onto the top of this piecing. Press.



2. Next sew C2 onto the piecing, press and sew C1 onto the top of the piecing. Press.

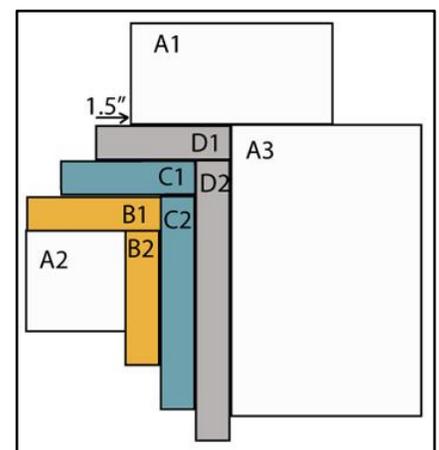


3. Sew D2 onto the piecing, press and sew D1 onto the top of the piecing. Press.

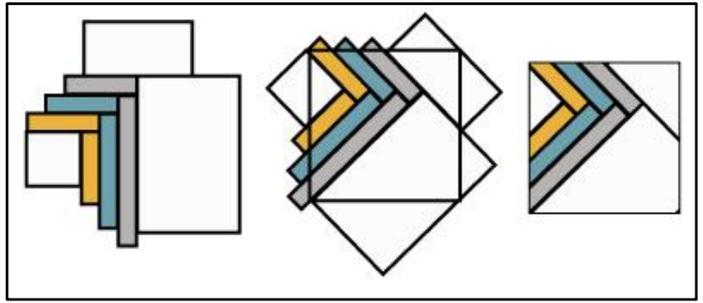


4. Sew A3 onto the right side of your piecing. Press.

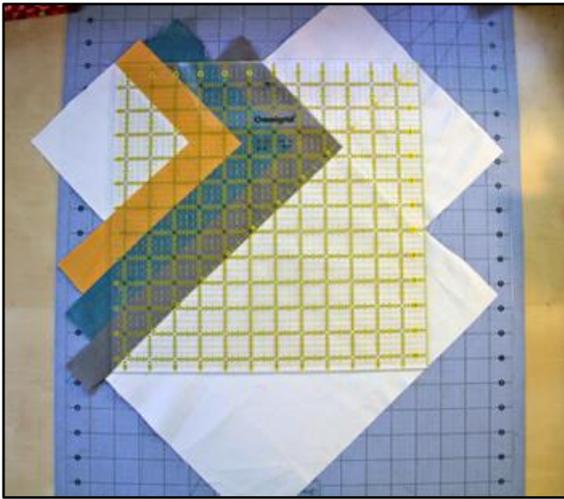
5. Sew A1 onto the top of the piecing, taking care that you line it up 1.5" from the left edge of D1.



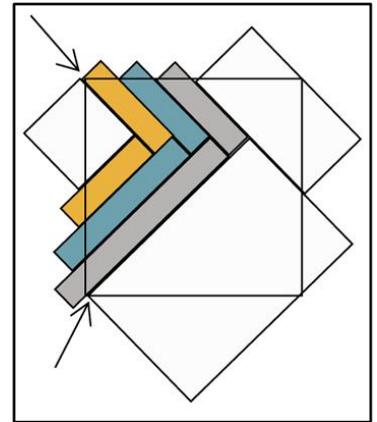
6. Cutting out the finished block is the final step. Take care that you know where all four sides of your block fall, so that you can get the right sized block out of the piecing.



This is just the sort of block that having a 12.5" square ruler is ideal for. If you don't have a ruler like this consider drawing the block onto the piecing before making your first cut. You wouldn't want to cut one edge incorrectly and not be able to get a full 12.5" square block out of the piecing.



Make sure that your corners fall on the outer edge of Fabric B in the upper left corner of your block, and on the inner edge of Fabric D in the lower left corner.



I created some digital quilts using this block in a 5 x 6 block layout:

