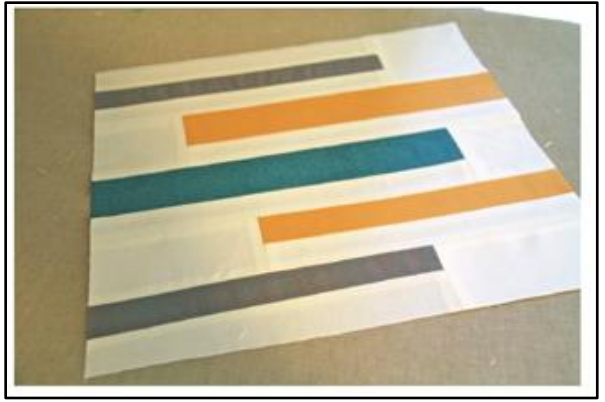


# Modern Block of the Month

## The July Block

w/ Stephanie Mart



These modern blocks show the traits of:

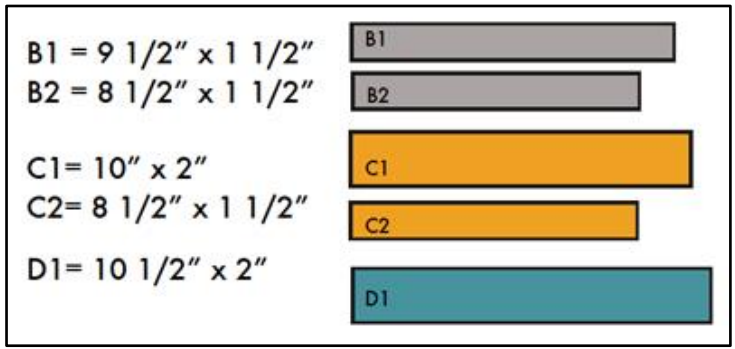
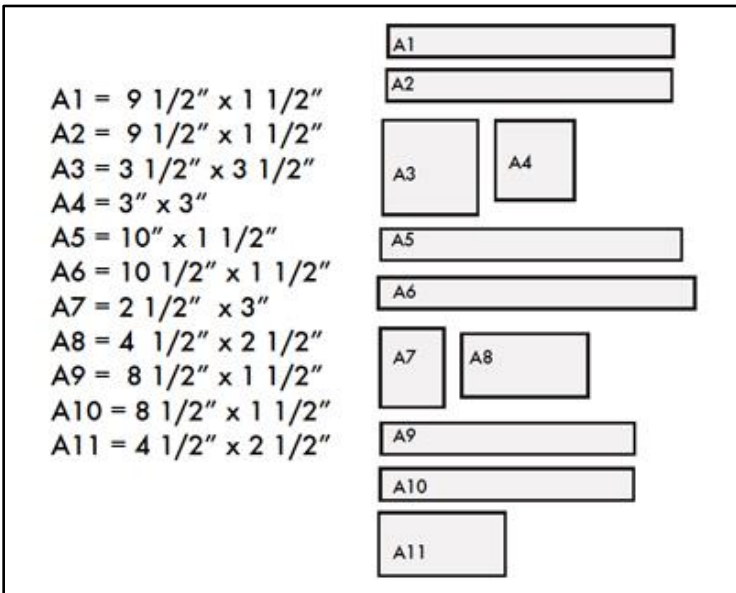
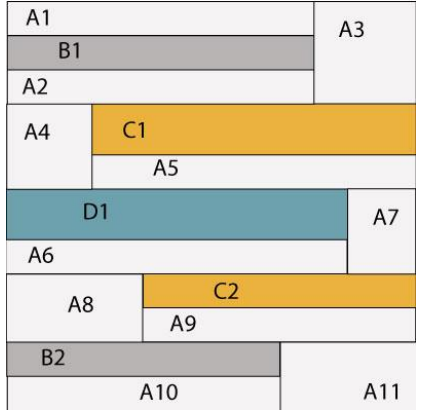
- Use of solids
- Whites and/or grays as neutrals and background/negative space
- Asymmetry in the design, especially in terms of the negative space
- Improvisational piecing

### Fabric Requirements:

- Fabric A (bone): 1/8 of a yard
- Fabric B (gray): scrap at least 9.5" x 3.5"
- Fabric C (orange): scrap at least 10.5" x 2"
- Fabric D (blue): scrap at least 9.5" x 3"

### Cutting Instructions:

Cut out all the pieces for your block. Take care to keep track of which piece is which as you do so. You can pin little paper labels on each piece as you cut them out or you can lay them out (I have a design wall that I do this on) as you go, arranging them as indicated in this diagram.



## Assembling the Block:

When piecing together this block use a 1/4" seam allowance and press after sewing each seam.

1. Begin by sewing A1, B1 and A2 together. Then sew A3 to the right side of your piecing.



2. Then sew C1 and A5 together as indicated. Sew A4 to the left side of your piecing.



3. Sew D1 to A6 and then A7 to the right side of your piecing.



4. Continue by sewing C2 to A9 and then A8 to the left side of your piecing.

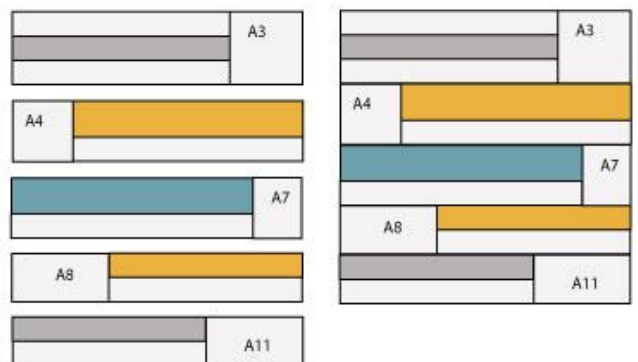


5. Finally, sew B2 to A10 and then A11 to the right side of your piecing.



6. Finish up your block by assembling the five portions of the block, working top to bottom, in this order:

A3 portion  
 A4 portion  
 A7 portion  
 A8 portion  
 A11 portion



**Block Numbers for Quilts:**

- Large Baby Quilt 48" x 60": make 20 blocks, Arrange in a 4 x 5 block grid
- Lap Quilt: 60" x 72" make 30 blocks, Arrange in a 5 x 6 block grid
- Queen Sized Quilt: 96" x 96" make 64 blocks, Arrange in an 8 x 8 block grid

These layouts all require that you make 30 blocks and result in a 60" x 72" finished quilt top, a good-sized throw.

