

Sierra Quilt Guild

Block of the Month September 2017

Watermelon Slices

The completed block measures 12" finished (12 1/2" unfinished). All seams are sewn at 1/4" and pressed open as you sew. This is a Modern Improvisational Block, which features straight lines (no curves), and at least two colors, but as many as four from the following group: black, gray, white and Kona Watermelon. Design as you go, no measuring or pattern needed. Audition until each step of the design until it pleases your eye. No two blocks should look the same. This pattern is to show the thought process and everyone should develop their own Improv block. Make your block bigger and cut it down as the last step. Trim blocks frequently.

Fabric Requirements

Background: 15" X 15" of background (white, grey or black)

Other fabric: 3 or 4 strips of the other fabrics, cut in varying widths about 15" long



Step One - Prepare your fabric

Choose your background fabric and cut a 15" X 15" square. Cut strips about 15" long of the other colors you want to use, in varying widths from 1" to 2 1/2". Cut them on the straight, but no need to measure widths - just make them different widths. Press all pieces.

Step Two - Cut your background pieces and create the block

Cut your 15" X 15" background into 3-5 pieces randomly using your cutting mat, based on a concept of your design idea. I knew i wanted a diagonal design, so i cut one block on the diagonal.

Going to add that diagonal strip. Stitch 1/4" seams and trim.

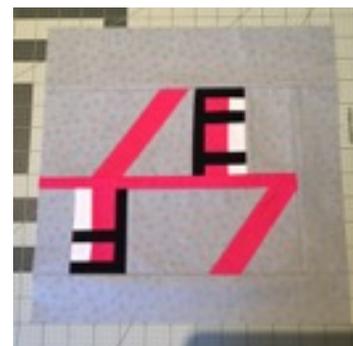
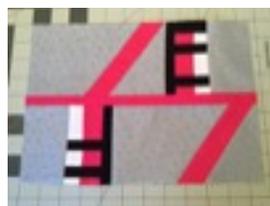
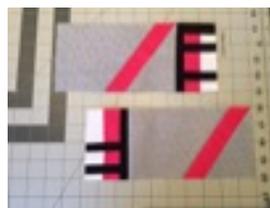
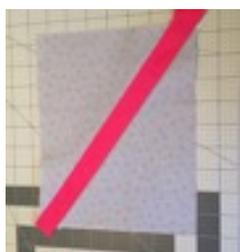
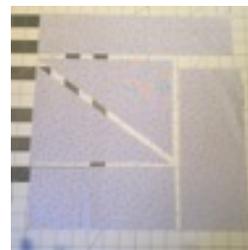
Add a black strip first and a little strip set of random two-tone piano keys, trim - kind of liking it

Big step! Cut it horizontally and rotate the bottom piece. Hope this works out!

This is it! The basic design is done. Added background pieces to right and left sides. Trim

Think I'll join the diagonals with a color strip. Need to cut more fabric. Trim.

Oh, too small, need to add borders, but not on the left side where the horizontal strip runs to the edge of the block - I like that. An asymmetrical centering would be nice. WOW!



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