



Sierra Quilt Guild
Block of the Month January 2016
Chinese Lantern

This block measures 12" square finished (12 ½" unfinished).

Colors: Asian inspired fabrics. Fabrics with a little gold or pearl essence enhance the feeling of luminescence.

Lantern Body: Asian focus print; medium sized prints are especially effective

Contrast Trim: Coordinating color

Top and Bottom: Black (solid, tone on tone or print that reads solid)

Background: Off-white to cream (solid or tone on tone)

Cutting:

Lantern Body: Cut 9 ½"x12 ½" rectangle. Then cut this rectangle into three pieces: cut (2) 3 ½" x 12 ½" rectangles; one off the top and one off the bottom, keeping direction of fabric consistent to original rectangle. The middle third piece should measure 2 ½" x 12 ½".

Contrast Trim: Cut (2) 1" x 12 ½" strips.

Top and Bottom: Cut (1) 4 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle.

Background: Cut (4) 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares.

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Construction:

1. Sew the 3 ½" x 4 ½" background to the 4 ½" x 6 ½" black rectangle along the 4 ½" sides. Repeat on opposite side of the black strip. Press towards black. Square up to 4 ½" x 12 ½". Cut in half to end up with (2) 2 ¼" x 12 ½" strips. (See photo.)

2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3 ½" background squares. Match a 3 ½" background square to each end of the 3 ½" x 12 ½" focus print rectangles right sides together. Sew next to the drawn line on the corner side. Trim seam; press toward background. Make two of these units, keeping top and bottom fabric in the correct direction. Photo, below, shows one side trimmed but not pressed.

3. Sew a 1" x 12 ½" contrast trim strip to both sides of the 2 ¼" x 12 ½" focus print, right sides together. Press toward focus print.

4. Assemble the sections to match the finished photo. If you kept the direction of the fabric the same as you cut the original 9 ½" x 12 ½" lantern body, you should have a design that is continuous, intersected only by the contrasting trim. Press top two seams towards top lantern body. Press bottom two seams towards bottom lantern body. Let recipient square up as results will vary by stitcher.



Step 1:



Step 2:

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