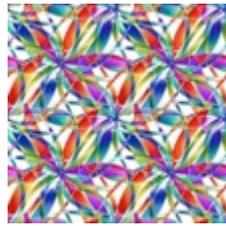


Block of The Month 2019: Block #1

Welcome to our 2019 block of the month. Here is our first improvisational block for the year with our new focus fabric, Modern Movement by Henry Glass. The blocks are due at the February 2019 meeting.



The fabrics you need this month are our new focus fabric (we will have fat quarters for \$2 at the meeting), your coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, a grey fabric and a white fabric.

We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. Also, the Guild's Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

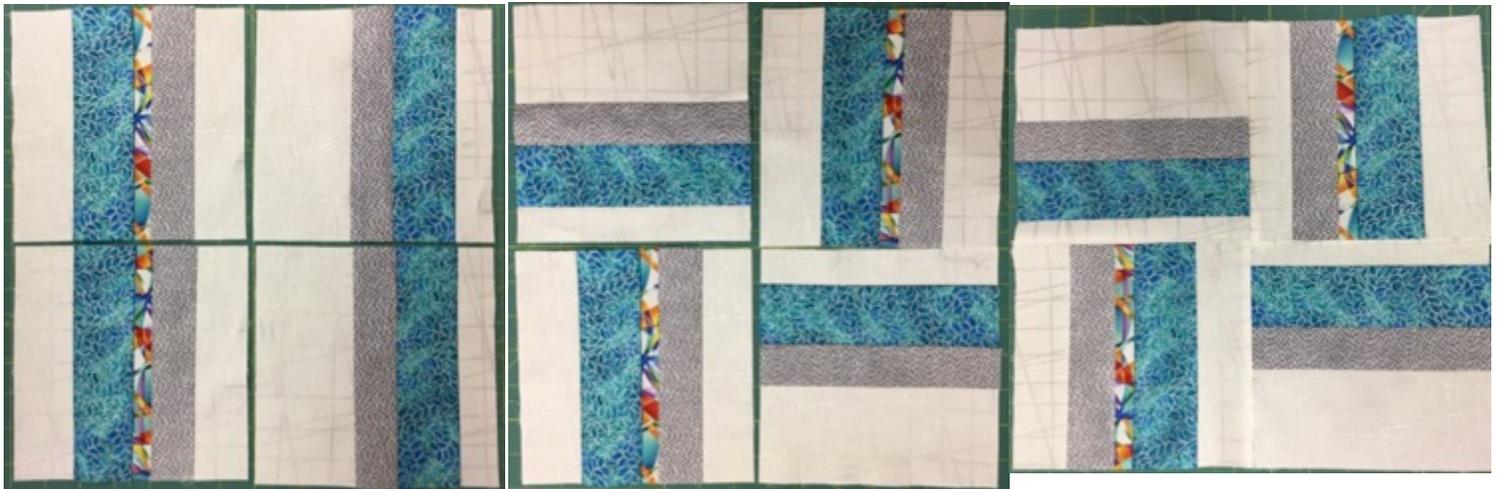
Cut list -- For one block:

Focus fabric: one 1" X 13.5" rectangle
Grey, white, and coordinating-color fabric: cut a total of seven strips from these three fabrics, 13.5" long, with widths varying from 2" to 3.5". The total width of these seven strips need to equal at least 16 inches but no more than 17.25".

Including the focus fabric, you should have eight, 13.5" strips.

Assembling the block:

- Arrange the strips in an order that pleases you. Try to have one of your wider strips in the middle – not the focus fabric strip. After they are sewn together, we will be cutting down the middle, so we need the middle to be wide enough to cut and have at least ½ inch of fabric on either side of the cut.
- Sew the strips together using a ¼" seam. Try to keep the ends even.
- Now cut the block in four by cutting down the middle of each side. If any of the edges are ragged, trim to even up the side, but trim as little as possible. The four cut pieces should be about 6 ¾" square.



- Now lay out these squares as a 4-patch and rotate these squares until you find an arrangement that you like.
- Sew together each row and press the center seams in opposite directions.
- Sew these two rows together.
- Press seams and square the block to 12½ X 12½". Repeat to make a second block to keep!