

## Block of The Month 2019: Block #7

Hello everyone. We have a great summertime block that we call Ocean because it is full of waves. Again, like last month, this block isn't due until the September meeting. We recommend you read this entire instruction before cutting any fabrics. Also, like last month this block is very easy, you get to decide the width and number of each fabric and their placement in the block. If you are making a block to turn in then you need this year's focus fabric, Modern Movement by Henry Glass (available at the guild meetings for \$2 per fat quarter.)

The fabrics you need this month are the focus fabric, your coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, a gray fabric and a white fabric.

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

### Cut list -- For one block:

All strips need to be at least 13.5" long. The width of each strip should be between 1" and 3". Each strip should be cut without a ruler. You want to make slight wavy curves in the strips. See photos 2 and 3 for examples. Watch your fingertips when cutting and be careful.

Focus fabric: one strip

Other three fabrics: multiple strips as needed  
(Gray, white, and coordinating fabric)

### Assembling the block: Use a ¼" seam on all steps.

This is an easy block. The only trick is to not cut off your fingers when

free cutting the curves on your strips. As shown in photos 2 and 3-- the wavy strips can be made by cutting a wider strip with a wavy cut down the length. Just don't let your strips get smaller than 1" wide. You can also take scrap strips and cut smooth waves along the length.

1. Sew the strip of focus fabric to one of your other strips with right sides together. Match the seam at the top. Using the bottom fabric to guide your seam allowance, adjust the upper fabric to keep seams matching as you sew. Be gentle and don't stretch the fabric, but guide it to keep the quarter inch seam. Press to darker fabric with a lot of steam. Don't skip this, it is important that the pressing is done after each strip and that the piece is steamed flat.
2. Continue adding strips to either side depending on the arrangement you like best. You can plan it out or just wing it. Keep adding strips until the block is over 12.5" wide.
3. Using your 12.5" square-up ruler, square the block to 12.5". Move the ruler around until you find the final look you like best.

Now --repeat to make a second block to keep! Have a great summer.

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Photo 2

Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5