

## Block of The Month 2019: Block #9

Hello all! Our block this month – an improv variation on the Broken Dishes block. This block isn't due until the October meeting. 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 should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.



### Cut list -- For one block:

- Focus fabric: one 4½" square
- Gray fabric: three 4½" squares
- White fabric: eight 4½" squares
- Coordinating-color fabric: four 4½" squares

### Assembling the block:

- Let's make the half square triangles. Using all the 4½" squares, stack any two non-white squares with two of the white squares, right sides facing up, white fabric on the bottom. You don't need a ruler, just a rotary cutter. Being careful not to cut yourself, make a rough diagonal cut from one corner to the opposite (be careful.) See photo 2.
- Keep the fabric in two stacks, pick one stack and move the top two pieces to the bottom of that stack. Now sew these pieces together along the edge you just cut, right sides together. You should always be sewing a white to a non-white piece. These may not align perfectly, but just match the edge and sew the seam, adjusting the edge as you sew. Try to keep the seam at ¼", but don't worry the piece is oversized and will be trimmed.
- Repeat with the remaining squares – cutting four at a time.
- Take the finished pieces and stack as many as you feel comfortable trimming at once (I did four at a time) and even up two adjacent edges. See photo 3. You are going to trim a minimal amount from the two edges you lined up -- just enough to straighten them. Now turn the pieces and using a ruler, square them to 3½" along the other two edges. See photo 4. They should look wonky. Repeat until all these units are 3½" square.
- Now taking all pieces, arrange them into four, four piece squares. The white triangles face out on one diagonal and face in on the other. The arrangement is your choice – see our examples for ideas.
- Sew the four piece units together and then arrange these blocks to create your final design. Keep the blocks oriented the same so the pattern is correct with white sections only touching non-white sections.
- Sew these units together, watching your pressing so your seams lock together.
- Use your 12.5" square-up ruler to check that your block is 12½ X 12½". Repeat to make a second block to keep!



Photo 2



Photo 3

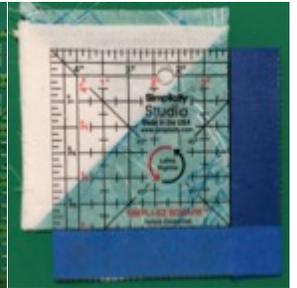


Photo 4



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