

Block of the Month ✦ January 2012

New Waterwheel

This makes a 9" block!

** Supplies List **



Color 1

Color 1 (blue) needs:

one 1½" x 6" strip AND one 1½" x 14" strip AND one 3-7/8" x 7¾" strip

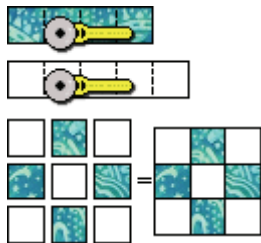


Color 2

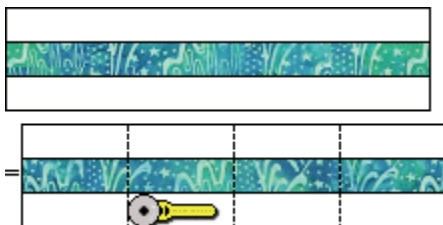
Color 2 (white) needs:

one 1½" x 7½" strip AND two 1½" x 14" strips AND one 3-7/8" x 7¾" strip

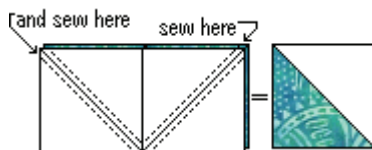
** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



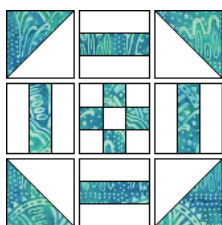
Cut the Color 1 1½" x 6" strip into four 1½" squares. Cut the Color 2 – 1½" x 7½" strip into five 1½" squares. Now sew these together as shown at left, using a scant ¼" seam, to make the center nine patch unit. Press seams towards darker color. This unit should measure 3½" when done.



Next sew together the two Color 2 and one Color 1 1½" x 14" strips as shown at left, pressing seam towards the darker strip. Cut this apart at 3½" intervals. Each of these units should be 3½" square.



Next speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 1 and Color 2 3-7/8" x 7¾" strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the 3-7/8" square lines and mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left. Now sew a SCANT ¼" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square line. Now cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the 3-7/8" square line. This will give you four half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim these back to measure 3½" if needed



Now lay out all units as shown at left. Sew three horizontal rows, pressing the top and bottom row seams to the center and the middle row seam to the outside. Join the rows and your block is complete! Good Job! :o)