

Five Pretty Pieces

Block basics:

- We are starting the year with a simple, easy block.
- Finished block size is 6 1/2" square. (The size when you turn it in, before it is sewn into a quilt.)
- Use whichever neutral thread color makes the most sense.
- All seams are scant 1/4" seams unless otherwise indicated.



Choose your fabric:

For the block, fabrics can be any combination. Choose five fabrics that complement each other, with some value and color contrast.

Cut the following fabric pieces:

1. One rectangle 6 1/2" by 2 1/2".
2. Four rectangles, from four different fabrics, each 3 1/2" by 2 1/2".

Construct the block:

Sew two of the smaller rectangles together, end to end. Repeat with the other two rectangles.

Assemble the block with the longer rectangle in the middle, as shown.

Press toward the darker fabrics. There are several ways to assemble the completed blocks to construct a quilt, so the best pressing direction can't be known in advance. The most probable way is to alternate the blocks horizontally & vertically, in which case there are no seams to match and it doesn't matter which way they are pressed.



Bring your finished blocks to the guild meeting January 22nd to participate in the drawing.

Questions? Suggestions for future blocks? Feel free to email me at judygrayj@live.com