

Block of the Month: January 2019

* Scrappy Arrow *



We all have scraps of varying sizes and colors. Each arrow should be a specific color - your choice: NAVY, PURPLE or TEAL. Go find your blue, purple or teal scraps that are at least 2.5 inches wide and some LOW VOLUME 2.5" scraps for the background. Remember, LOW VOLUME is the "modern" term for light colored fabrics.

Materials Needed

- (2) 3" squares in either navy, purple or teal
- (2) 3" squares in low volume
- 10) 2.5" squares for arrow — either all navy, all purple or all teal scraps
- (10) 2.5" squares in low volume scraps for background

Note: All seams are 1/4" unless noted otherwise.

Tips and Techniques:

- When pressing seams open in an area that has lots of intersecting seams, it's difficult to avoid pressing side seams a bit wonky. The secret is to lay the seam you're pressing open over a "seam roll" or "dressmakers ham" or pressing bar. Check with our affiliate members -- it's a good investment.
- If you are looking for low volume fabrics, look at both sides of your fabrics, perhaps the wrong side works better for the requested "low volume"/light background.

Instructions

1. Make half square triangles with the 3" arrow and low volume squares like this:
Draw a diagonal line on the two 3" square background fabrics. Place background squares on top of 3" arrow fabric - right sides together. Sew 1/4" from drawn line on each sides on both squares. Cut on drawn line, press toward dark fabric. Square up units to **2.5" squares**. You will have 4 Half Square Triangles.
2. Layout all squares as shown in picture. Sew together squares in rows.
3. Press seams to opposite sides: If first row is pressed to the right, press second row to the left — this way, you can nest the seams when you sew rows together.
4. Once all rows are sewn together, press seams open.
5. Final block will measure 8.5" x 12.5".

Here are two blocks next to each other:



Contact kathrin.brown@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on **January 7, 2019**. More info on the BOM at www.mpqg.org/block-of-the-month.htm