

Block of the Month: October 2018

* Plaid Improv Plus *



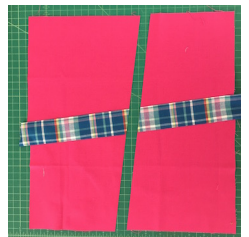
This month we have a fun, easy improv block. You can make a small, medium or large block. Find some plaid fabric in your stash and team it with a matching solid. You can even use shirt fabric.

Materials Needed

There are three sizes this month: 4.5", 8.5" or 12.5" blocks. Choose one or make all - the materials needed are listed in order of size as such 4.5" {8.5" {12.5"}}

Plaid: two 6" x 1.25" [two 10"x1.75"] {two 15" x 2.25"} strips of plaid fabric

Background: One 5" {9"} {13"} square of solid fabric that coordinates with the plaid

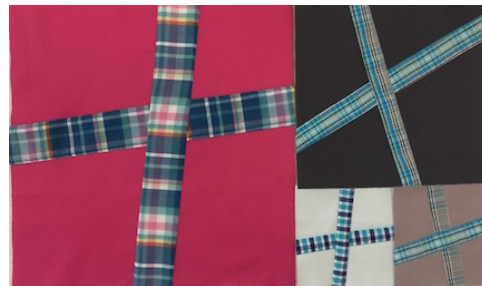


Note: All seams are 1/4" unless noted otherwise. If you are using shirt fabric, spray with starch or sizing to keep it from stretching.

Instructions

1. Take the background square and make a random cut from bottom to top for the first leg of the plus - a slight angle cut is okay, but think more + not x.
2. Take one of the plaid strips and sew it between the cut. Press seams to the strip.
3. Turn the created unit 90 degrees, so that the square lies with the strip horizontally. Make a cut from bottom to top - again your choice of placement and slight angle or not.
4. Take the other plaid strip and sew it between the cut. Try to line-up the first leg as best as you can - but it's improv. Imperfection is expected! Press seams to the strip.
5. Square up your block to size 4.5" or 8.5" or 12.5".

Since these blocks are multiples of 4, you can use them together in the same quilt. See picture below with all three sizes.



Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on **October 1, 2018**. More info on the BOM on our [web site](http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/) at www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/