

Block of the Month: September 2015

What's In Your Mason Jar?

For September, we are thinking harvest, canning jars, and even back to school. Perhaps you store other things in large Mason Jars? A fun and fast block for stash busting, practicing accurate cutting and sew and flip corners.

Materials Needed for an 8 ½" Block

Jar: Check your stash for fun fabrics to put in your jar: objects, food, flowers, bugs, fish etc.
One piece needed: 5 ½"x6 ¼"

Background: Use low volume (subtle) prints or tone-on-tone in a light color. Two 2"x6 ¼" strips, two 2"x3" rectangles, one 1 ¼"x3 ½" strip, two 1 ½" squares (= corners of the jar).

Shelf: Black print - One 1 ¼"x8 1/2" strip

Jar Lid: Use a print or solid to contrast your jar contents: One 1 ¼"x 3½" strip

Instructions

Sew the corners of the jar using the "snowball" method: On the wrong side of the 1 ½" background fabric square, draw a diagonal line in the center from corner to corner. Place each square right side down in top 2 corners of the jar (right sides of fabrics together - as shown in pic on the right). Sew on the drawn line, trim corner with ¼" seam, fold back and press in your favorite method. Then, sew together the lid piece to the background 3½"x1¼" piece on the 3½" side. Now sew one 2"x3" rectangles on each side of the lid/background piece. Sew the 2"x6 ¼" background strips on each side of the jar. Add lid piece to the top of jar, and black strip shelf to the bottom. Your block should be 8 ½" square. Admire your handy work.



Make one or several of these blocks (each should be different, please) and bring to the September 14 meeting to start collecting points to win all BOM made by guild members. 5 points/blocks will get you to enter your name into the drawing pot. See specific BOM guidelines on how to collect points on www.mpqg.org - Activities tab.