

Floating Block

Use a 1/4" seam throughout

Fabrics

Please use 100% cotton fabric throughout.

For each block choose patterned prints with a similar colour scheme - for example grey print, blue print, green print, brown/beige print.

Please do not use flowers, please do not use plain fabrics and no bright pinks.

Tone-on-tone, blenders or patterns will be great fabrics to choose.

You will also need some plain black fabric.

You can choose to make the portrait or landscape version or even a square version as both sizes will be used in each quilt. - please make sure that if using a directional print that the fabric is the correct way around



For the portrait version

Print fabric 1 rectangle 12 1/2" x 6 1/2" (A)

Black fabric 1 strip 2 1/2" wide x 16 1/2" (B)

1 strip 2 1/2" wide x 10" (C)

For the square version

Print fabric 1 square 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" (D)

Black fabric 2 strip 2 1/2" wide x 10" (E & F)

Instructions

Please note that the black mitred border will always need to be on the right and bottom edges of the block

Portrait version

1) At the bottom right-hand corner of the wrong side of the rectangle (A) mark a dot 1/4" in from both sides. This will be your stopping point for sewing the mitred corner.



2) Place one of long black strips (B) onto the right edge of your rectangle (A) fabric with right sides facing each other and sew together making sure you stop at the 1/4" mark. You may want to do a couple of back stitches to secure. You will have an overhang of excess black fabric at this point.



3) Place one of the short black strips (C) onto the bottom edge of the same rectangle and repeat again stopping at the 1/4" mark. Again, you will have an excess overhang of black fabric.



4) Fold your rectangle piece at 45 degrees and bring the two black strips together and pin in place.



5) Draw a 45 degree line on the wrong side of the top black strip following the line of the fold.

6) Sew on this line but making sure that you do not sew past the 1/4" mark.



7) Trim the excess fabric 1/4" away from the line.



8) Press the seam open and trim away the small ears at the corner of the mitred seam.



Square Version

The method is exactly the same as the portrait version but you will have two black pieces the same length for right hand side and bottom edges.



9) Your completed portrait block should measure 14 1/2" x 8 1/2"

10) Your completed square block should measure 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"



To Assemble

You need 12 rectangle blocks and 8 square blocks, cut strips of background fabric 2 1/2" wide you require 5 at 72" long, 24 at 8 1/2" long, and then you also need 40 pieces 2 1/2" x 2 3/4".

Now remove exactly 2 1/4" from the corner edges of the black strips then replace these pieces with the small pieces of background using the 2 1/2" edge (the additional fabric is the seam allowance) place your blocks as required then add the 8 1/2" strips between each block.

The sequence used is row one small long long small long, row two long long small long small then repeat join in long rows add long strips between