

Sticks and Stones Birthday Block – NI Style

The “traditional” block to celebrate the formation of Q4CL which happened in the month of October. This block uses 2.5” strips but you can cut from yardage.

Fabric type

Please do not use anything other than quilting weight cotton fabric i.e. no curtaining, stretch, suiting or upholstery fabrics. We are also unable to use blocks that include licensed fabrics.

Colour selection

The “stone” is the same in each block which will be black.

The sticks will be tones of colour, each block will be a different colour eg. Blue tone block. Green tone block, Yellow tone block. Fabric can all be different and can be patterned or plain.

Fabric requirements

Black stones - 6 x 2.5” squares in black fabric

Colour and tones of same colour:

Two 2.5” x 2.5”

Two 4.5” x 2.5”

Two 6.5” x 2.5”

Two 8.5” x 2.5”

Two 10.5” x 2.5”



Black Stones



Tones of colour

Assembly

Lay your chosen materials out as described below. Each of the 6 strips has a black “stone” in it.

1st line, the 10.5” strip lies with a black stone to its left.

2nd line, the stone has a 2.5” strip on its left side and an 8.5” strip on the right.

3rd line, the stone has a 4.5” strip on left side and a 6.5” strip on the right

4th line, the stone has a 6.5” strip on the left side and the last 4.5” strip on the right

5th line, the stone has 8.5” strip on the left side, and the 2.5” on the right

6th line, the stone has the 10.5” strip on its left.

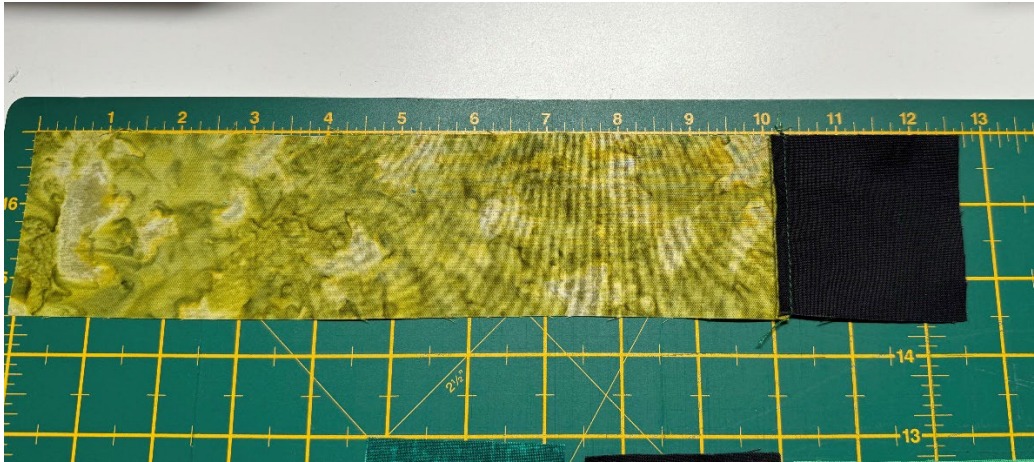
IMPORTANT: Join the strips so that the stones cross from top left to bottom right with the strips horizontal.



Please be careful to use 1/4” seams and press to one side towards the black stone. Seams need to be as accurate as you can, or the block won’t finish the correct size. Please do NOT press the seam open.

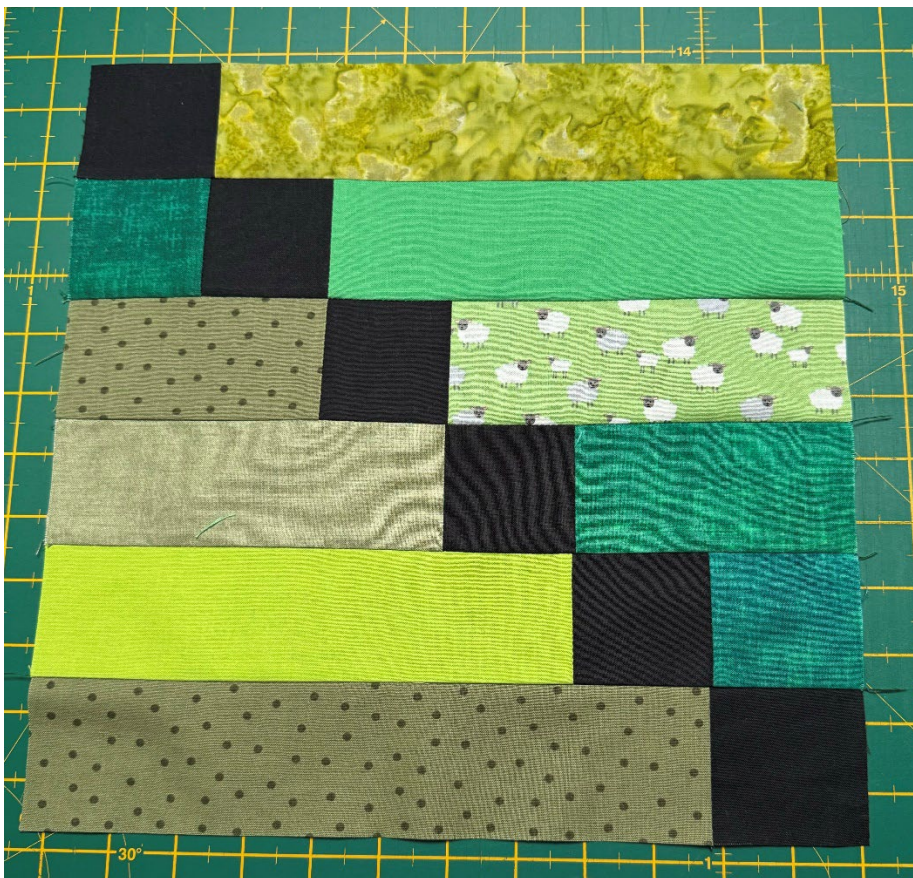
Join the 2 fabrics on the 1st line. Work all 6 strips the same way.

You end up with six strips all 12.5" long. (Check length at this point and repress or restitch if not 12.5")



Press the stick/stone seam fully before you attempt any joining of the strips. Finger pressing of these seams isn't always enough to make them lie flat and true. Be very careful not to stretch the material.

Be careful to match the seams where the stones are. Keep those ¼' seams!! As there are a lot of seams in this block it is easy to lose some depth and end up small.



The finished block should measure 12.5" x 12.5", if it doesn't go back and check your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams.