

January Lotto Block: Charm Block

It's time to get out the scraps for a "charm block". Wouldn't it be fun to see an assortment of different fabrics from each member of our guild? With any luck, the person who takes home all the blocks will not see a single fabric repeated! For this block, there is no need to coordinate the fabrics, or make your block look pretty. It would be nice to use fabrics with the greatest visual interest. You can even fussy cut if you are so inclined.

The finished block will be 9 inches square. Cut one, 2 inch by 3 ½ inch piece, of each of 18 different fabrics. Form 9 pairs and sew along the long edges – string piecing works well here. Press the seams toward the darker fabric. Now arrange these rectangle/squares as a 9 patch, with the middle seams alternately horizontal and vertical, as shown in the diagram, and stitch together.

