

Christmas Ornament Quilt Block of the Month - 2018

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Instead of monthly lottery blocks, we're going to create a Christmas ornament quilt in 2018. Between now and November you will receive directions for 12 different blocks. Everyone that finishes all 12 blocks will be eligible for the drawing to have your quilt quilted by Wanda Nesloney. The blocks do not have to be finished each month, but must be completed by the December meeting. You will need to show me your finished block to receive credit for that block. At the December meeting, we will have Show and Tell for everyone to present their finished tops.

Suggested fabric guidelines for the blocks and a finished 3 block x 4 block grid are below. However, this is your quilt and you can decide how you want it to look. This is a great project for Christmas fabric scrapes, themes or color schemes. Maybe you want to add more blocks? It's your quilt, the sky's the limit and it will be fun to see all the different versions in December.

January -Ornament-Block One



12" x 12" Finished block

(The following is an estimated amount of yardage if using 12" blocks and 2 Inch sashing.)

I am just putting the following yardage to help those that need an idea on how much fabric to purchase if finishing without any custom changes.

1 yard sashing fabric

1 yard border fabric

5/8 yard binding

3-1/2 backing fabric

Recommended:

1/2 yard combination of 8-10 small prints & solids of your choice colorway.

Choose dark, med and lights of same colors for a variety of shades.

¼ yard gray, silver or gold for 6 ornament top blocks. (**Every Other Month will be a Different Ornament Block.**)

Each block uses 5 or less fabric colors. (Counting the background)

Using 5 different fabrics: (Your own chosen color way) **Examples as follows only:**

1: Red Fabric 1-cut 2 matching strips 2.5" x 8.5"

2: Green Fabric 2-cut 1 strip 2.5" x 8.5"

3: Print Fabric 3-cut 1 strip 2.5" x 8.5"

4: White Fabric 4-cut 6 strips 2.5" x 15" Sub cut each strip into 6- 2.5" squares

(Set 30 of these squares aside for future ornament squares)

Fabric 4-cut 6- 8.5" x 2" Using 1 for the bottom of the block-*(Saving 5 for future ornament Blocks)*

Fabric 4- cut 12- 2" x 12" strips. Using 2 for the sides of this block. *(10 for future ornament Blocks)*

5: Gray Fabric 5-cut 1 strip 1.5" x 36" Sub cut into 6- 3" x 1.5" rectangles

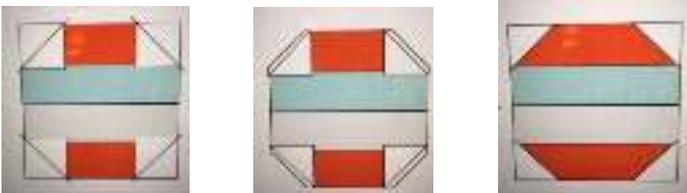
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Sewing and finishing the block

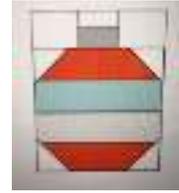
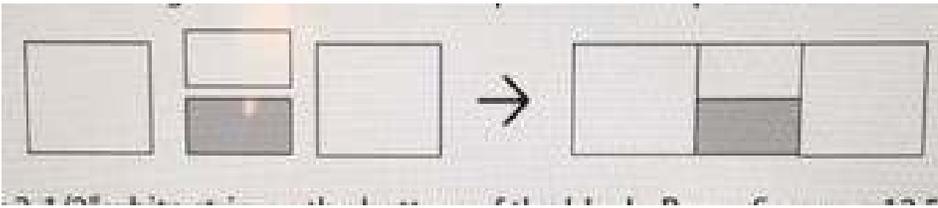
1: Sew strip 1,2 RST ,3,1 RST together. Then sew the two pairs RST laying 1 &2 on 3 & 1. Sew seam at the top of the pairs 2 and 3. See chart below



2: Draw a diagonal pencil line on each 2.5" white square and sew one on each corner (on the pencil line) to make a snowball block as shown below.



3: **To make the ornament top**, take one gray 3" x 1.5" strip and one white 3" x 1.5" strip, sew RST to make one 3" x 2.5" piece. See example below. Press seams to the dark side. Sew one 3.25" x 2.5" piece of white fabric on each side of it as shown, making it 8.5" x 2.5". Sew this part to the ornament block, RST.



4: Sew one 8.5" x 2" white strip on the bottom of the block. Press. Sew one 12" x 2" on each side of the block.

