



The Craftsy Block of the Month

with Amy Gibson

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About the Craftsy Block of the Month



Creating a Craftsy Block of the Month quilt is an excellent way to keep your New Year's resolutions all the way through 2012 – to be more creative, learn new techniques, and have more fun – absolutely free!

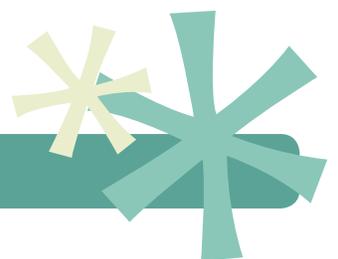
Each month, I will guide you through a specific quilting technique, and we'll make two fabulously versatile 12½-inch (30.5 cm) blocks using that technique – half-square triangles, string quilting, basic appliqué, foundation and English paper piecing, curved piecing and more. In the fall, I'll show you how to put all 20 blocks together into a finished quilt top, add borders, sandwich the quilt layers, baste, quilt and bind. By December you'll have a throw-sized quilt (55" x 68½" or 140 cm x 174 cm)

If you love this (and who wouldn't?), tell all your quilting friends. They can enroll free any time of the year and get instant access to all the monthly lessons so they can catch up.

Who should take this course? The Craftsy Block of the Month is geared to people who have made a quilt before, but jump right in if you have basic sewing skills and feel ready to tackle your first quilt. I'll be on the platform to answer questions and help you through the tricky spots. Be sure to post pictures of your blocks and check in at Craftsy if you run into problems or have something cool to share!

Let's quilt without rules!

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Supply List

Specific fabrics and a cutting chart are included in each month's block patterns. Here's a list of everything you'll need all year to complete your quilt!

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Fabric

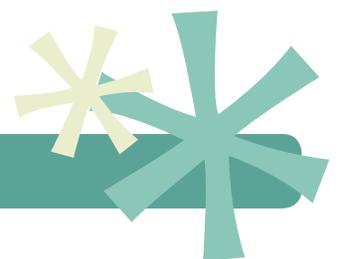
- **Solid fabric** (Robert Kaufman Kona Cotton Solids in Snow, or your choice) – 4 yards (3.75 m) will give you enough for background, sashing and border.
- **Binding fabric** of your choice – ½ yard
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- **Batting** - The quilt is 55" x 68½" (3.75 m). If you buy batting prepackaged by bed size, in most brands, this is a twin. Off a 96" (244 cm) roll, you'll need 2 yards (2 m).
- **35 fat quarters** (FQ) in a variety of prints and colors (Free Spirit Fabrics' Boho by Annette Tatum, or your choice) – I'm working with a 35-print bundle, but I'll probably have a few unused fat quarters at the end, of prints I chose not to incorporate. You may not need 35 exactly; it really depends on which fabrics you choose for which blocks, as it's a very scrappy quilt. I'm not sure I'd go out and purchase 35 individual FQs, but if you're buying a bundle, a 36-print one will be perfect.

- **Thread** - I use a huge 3,600-yard (3,292 m) cone of off-white Presencia 50-weight cotton thread, which will last me for several quilting projects. Keep in mind that you'll need additional thread of your choice to complete the quilting.

Tools & Supplies

- Rotary cutter and mat
- Fabric scissors
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Water-soluble fabric marker/pen
- Faultless Heavy Starch
- 24" clear quilt ruler
- 12½" square quilt ruler
- 4½" square ruler for half square triangles
- Fabric glue stick
- Templates (optional, see patterns)
- Template plastic, or cardboard
- Hand sewing needle

Note: Quilt rulers come in English measurements.





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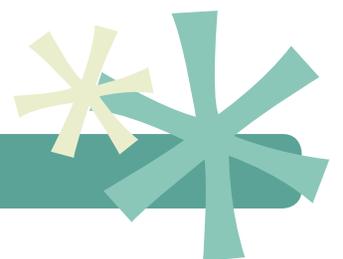
Web Resources

Shopping Resources

- English Paper Piecing templates
www.paperpieces.com
- Drunkard's Path templates
www.frommarti.com
- Easy Dresden Tool
www.feedsacklady.com

Amy's Favorite Quilting Websites

- [Piece By Number](#)
- [Fat Quarter Shop](#)
- [Missouri Star Quilt Co.](#)
- [Fabricworm](#)
- [Pink Castle Fabrics](#)
- [Fresh-Squeezed Fabrics](#)





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