

# BVQ Block of the Month 2010-11

## General Instructions

This block of the month project is going to be a “mystery project” where the fabric colors make the quilt. I would highly recommend getting all the fabric needed at the start of the project. The blocks are easy. The fabric color placement is critical and you want to be careful to have consistent seam widths through out the project – scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” is the best.

I am going to give directions for both a 9” and 12” finished block size. If you choose the 9” block and use a 4.5” border, you will get a quilt that is 36” x 45”. If you chose the 12” block and use a 6” border, you will get a quilt that is 48” x 60”.

You will be using a warm color, a cool color, and a coordinating background-border. You will need 4 fabrics in one color ranging from dark, medium-dark, medium-light and light values. You will need 3 fabrics in the other color – dark, medium and medium-light values. You can also use just one warm and one cool color if that is your preference. Your background-border fabric will be used in the blocks as well as for the border. You do want this fabric to be lighter than the other fabric so that the warm and cool colors will stand out from it. The dark colors will be adjacent to each other, so you will want to not have your warm and cool dark fabrics being very close together.

Fabrics needed for the quilt: (warm [W] can be substituted for cool [C] and vice/versa in the table below). Please note, the fabric quantities below are the bare minimum. Get more to allow for squaring the fabric before cutting in strips. Quantities are based on cutting crosswise to the grain with the exception of the Background-Border fabric. It is to be cut lengthwise. Make sure you label each of your fabric colors using the key below.

Yardage based on 40” wide fabric <sup>a</sup>		9” Blocks		12” Blocks	
Key	Fabric Color and Value	yds	Fat Qtr	yds	Fat Qtr
C1	Cool dark	1/4	1	3/8	1 <sup>b</sup>
C2	Cool medium-dark	1/4	1	3/8	1 <sup>b</sup>
C3	Cool medium-light	1/4	1	3/8	1 <sup>b</sup>
C4	Cool light	1/4	1	3/8	1 <sup>b</sup>
W1	Warm dark	1/8	1	1/4	1
W2	Warm medium-dark	1/8	1	1/4	1
W3	Warm medium-light	1/8	1	1/4	1
BB	Background-border light	1	1 yd	1 5/8	1 5/8yd <sup>c</sup>

- Notes:
- a. Forty (40) inch usable width excluding the selvages.
  - b. 17.5” will be used for strips; you might want to have 2 fat quarters of each of the C1-4 colors just in case you miss cut a strip.
  - c. Some strips must cut lengthwise (see page 2). If you want to cut all of them crosswise and piece the border, get 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  yards.

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### **9" Block Fabric Preparation (block will be 9.5" x 9.5")**

Please make sure to carefully label each set with its fabric key number. Double the number of 2" strips if using fat quarters.

Fabrics C1, C2, C3, and C4: Cut three (3) 2" wide strips the width of each fabric.  
Cross cut strips to make 12 pieces 5 inches long.  
Cross cut strips to make 12 pieces 3 5/8 inches long.

Fabrics W1, W2, and W3: Cut two (2) 2" wide strips the width of each fabric.  
Cross cut strips to make 8 pieces 5 inches long.  
Cross cut strips to make 8 pieces 3 5/8 inches long.

Border and Background (BB) Cut six (6) 2" wide strips the width of the fabric.  
Cross cut 2" strips to make 24 pieces 5 inches long.  
Cross cut 2" strips to make 24 pieces 3 5/8 inches long.  
Cut four (4) strips 5" wide the width of the fabric (min 37" long).

### **12" Block Fabric Preparation (block will be 12.5" x 12.5")**

Please make sure to carefully label each set with its fabric key number. Double the number of 2.5" strips if using fat quarters.

Fabrics C1, C2, C3, and C4: Cut four (4) 2.5" wide strips the width of each fabric.  
Cross cut strips to make 12 pieces 6.5 inches long.  
Cross cut strips to make 12 pieces 4 5/8 inches long.

Fabrics W1, W2, and W3: Cut three (3) 2.5" wide strips the width of each fabric.  
Cross cut strips to make 8 pieces 6.5 inches long.  
Cross cut strips to make 8 pieces 4 5/8 inches long.

Border and Background (BB) Cut one (1) 6.5" wide strip the width of the fabric.  
Cross cut this 6.5" strip to make 16 pieces 2.5 inches wide.  
Cut all remaining strips lengthwise on this fabric.  
Cut four (4) strips 7" wide the length of the fabric (min 49" long).  
Cut four (4) 2.5" wide strips the length of the fabric.  
Cross cut 2.5" strips to make 8 more pieces 6.5 inches long for a total of 24 pieces 2.5" x 6.5".  
Cross cut 2.5" strips to make 24 pieces 4 5/8 inches long.