

May 2017 Block of the Month

SKATE BOARD

10 ½ x 16 ½ block unfinished

Fabric Selection Guidelines

The skateboard quilt will be made for a teenage boy so no florals or childish prints. Novelty prints are okay to use but consider something that would appeal to a teen boy such as a flame print, skulls, checkerboard race stripes or Americana. Batiks would work well with this block. Consider bright or bold combos such as red with yellow or orange with blue. You will need two different fabrics for the skateboard. If desired, you can make your center strip of the skateboard with multiple pieces. How “cool” can you make your skateboard?

Fabric for Skate

Fabric #1: Two 2 ½ " x 12 ½" rectangles (outside edges of skateboard)

Fabric #2: One 2 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle (center stripe of skateboard)

Fabric for Wheel (Solid black or black tonal only)

One 1-1/2" x 10-1/4" rectangle

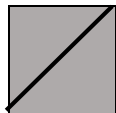
Fabric for Background (Light gray solid or gray tonal only)

- Two 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" rectangles
- Two 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles
- One 1-1/2" x 10-1/4" rectangle
- Eight 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

Block Assembly:

Make the skateboard:

1. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of four of your 2-1/2" background squares.



2. Align a 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" gray square with the end of the 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" outside skateboard strips as shown below, right sides together. Sew a seam on the marked diagonal line.



3. Trim off the excess fabric that extends between the seam and outer corner of a square, leaving about 1/4" past the seam. Flip the gray triangle right side up and press. Repeat with the other end of the strip, as illustrated, making sure that both triangles flip to the same side. Repeat this step with the other outside skateboard strip.



4. Sew the center strip between the two outside strips, keeping the gray triangles to the outside corners.



Make the skateboard wheels:

1. Sew the 1-1/2" x 10-1/4" gray background strip to the 1-1/2" x 10-1/4" black strip along the long edge. Press seam towards the black strip.
2. Sub-cut the unit crosswise into four 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" wheel units.

Sew the side units:

Sew the following pieces end to end to create one block side strip:

2-1/2" gray square + wheel unit + 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" gray rectangle + wheel unit + 2-1/2" gray square



Make sure that both black wheels are facing the same direction. Press seams. Repeat to make the other side strip.

Complete the block:

1. Sew a side strip to each side of the skateboard. Make sure that the black skateboard wheels are on the (inside) seam side.
2. Sew a 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" background gray bar to the top and bottom of your quilt block. Press the seam allowances towards the center of the block.

Admire your finished block. Now go through your stash and create another awesome skateboard!

All skateboard quilt blocks submitted will be used to create a quilt top that will be donated to Sew for Hope.

Thank you for your participation!