

October 2017 Block of the Month

CAT IN A FRAME

12 ½ block unfinished

Fabric for Cat Body (Any print or batik)

- One 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangle
- One 3" x 4-1/2" bar
- Two 2" x 2" squares

Fabric for Background (Solid black or black tonal only)

- One 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square
- One 2" x 4-1/2" bar
- One 2" x 2" square

Fabric for Frame (Solid or tonal that contrasts the cat color)

- Two 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" bars
- Two 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" bars

Block Assembly:

Make the ears unit:

1. Draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each of your 2" body squares and the 2" background square.



2. Align a 2" x 2" body square with the end of the 2" x 4-1/2" black background bar as shown below, right sides together. Sew a seam on the marked diagonal line. Repeat on the opposite end of the background bar.



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 body triangle right side up and press. Repeat on the opposite side. (TIP: When you flip the triangle, if your edges are short, re-stitch your seam just a hair closer to the outside edge).



Make the lower body/tail unit:

Use the same method to sew a 2" x 2" black background square to the 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" cat print rectangle, taking care to position the square as shown in the illustration below. Trim, flip triangle up, and press.



Make the cat's head:

Make the cat's head by sewing the cat ears unit to the longest edge of the 3" x 4-1/2" face unit as shown in the illustration below. Press the seam allowance towards the face. Measure this unit before proceeding. It should measure 4 1/2 inches x 4 1/2 inches.



Sew the 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" black background square to the right side of the cat's head. Press the seam allowance towards the outer edge of the block.



Attach the cat head unit to the body unit:

With right sides together, pin cat head unit to lower body unit. Check position before stitching. Refer to the illustration below. Press seam allowance towards bottom of block.



Attach the block frame:

1. Sew a 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" bar to each side of the cat unit. Press the seam allowances towards the outer edge of the block.
2. Sew a 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" background bar to the top and bottom of your cat quilt block. Press the seam allowances towards the outer edge of the block.

That's it! Your cat quilt block is finished and should measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2". If your quilt block is smaller than it should be, or skewed, press again and recheck.

Wasn't that fun and easy? Bet you can't make just one!

Please do not attach buttons or add any embellishment for cat eyes.
Imagine this image as the back of the cat's head as he looks out the window.