

ABOUT THE BLOCK LOTTO

The Block Lotto has been a monthly online activity for quilters since January 2002.

It began as an activity on a quilting message board and moved into blog land in 2007. In 2012, we moved to our own site and group blog at blocklotto.com

The Block Lotto is open to all quilters at any level of experience.

No commitment is required: make blocks and enter them when you want; otherwise sit on the sidelines, read along, and

Join us!



SHOW US YOUR QUILT

If you use the Star-Crossed block pattern in a project, please share a photo of your work. You can:

- Email photos and the story of your quilt to jeansophie@gmail.com
- Add your photo to the Flickr group pool [Lotto Block Quilts](#)
- Join the block lotto and add your quilt and its story to the Gallery

I can't wait to see what you make from this block.

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JANUARY 2013 BLOCK LOTTO



Tall Shoo Fly Quilt Block Pattern

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ABOUT THE BLOCK



TALL SHOO FLY

This stretched version of the traditional Shoo Fly block is the first of the 6-by-9 inch rectangle blocks we will be making for the Block Lotto in 2013.

I stretched this traditionally square quilt block by stretching the components that are easily stretched and leaving the hard-to-stretch elements square.

FABRIC GUIDELINES

CHOOSING FABRICS FOR YOUR LOTTO BLOCK



Each block is made from TWO fabrics:

WHITE background— may be solid or a white-on-white (WOW) print. If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same WHITE fabric in all your blocks

Print **SHOO FLY** fabric—may be any combination of white, true reds, tomato reds, spring greens, lime greens and black. If you make multiple blocks, use a unique SHOO FLY fabric for each one.

We're using clear fresh shades of red and green with the addition of black and white to create a group of "red and green" blocks that will look like anything but Christmas.

CUT FABRICS

CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

From **WHITE** background fabric, cut:

Two 2 ½ -inch squares

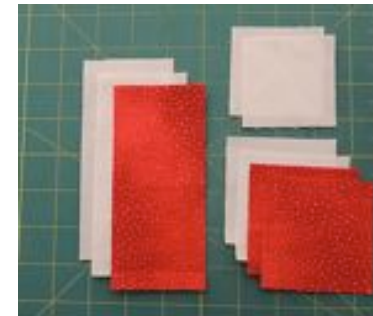
Two 3-inch squares *

Two 2 ½ by 5 ½ inch rectangles

From **SHOO FLY** fabric, cut:

Two 3-inch squares *

One 2 ½ by 5 ½ rectangle



* Note: The 3-inch squares will be used to make four half-square triangle (HST) units that will finish at 2-inches. If you have a preferred method for making them, cut accordingly.



ASSEMBLE THE CORNER UNITS

1. Take one 3-inch square of each fabric and place right sides together.
2. Slice the stacked blocks diagonally from corner to corner
3. Sew the triangle pairs together. Press and trim to 2 ½-inch squares. Repeat with the other pair of 3-inch squares to create 4 corner units



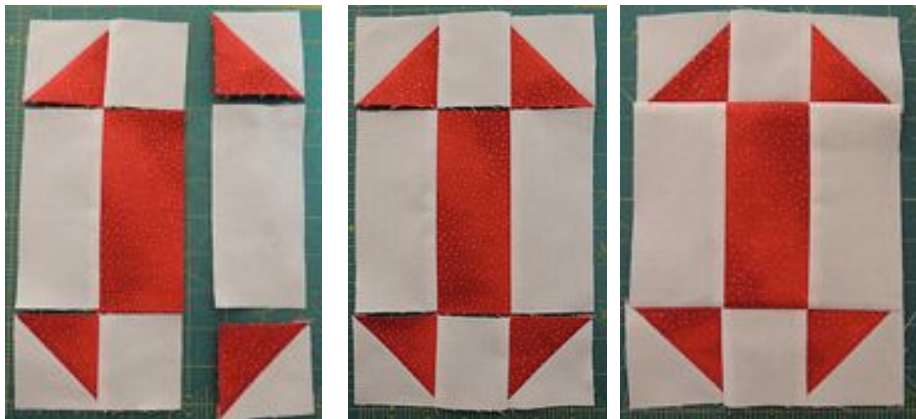
BLOCK CONSTRUCTION



ASSEMBLE THE BLOCK

1. Layout your block.
2. Sew together like a 9-patch.
3. You're done 😊

Note: I chain-stitched the units together from left-to-right, top-to-bottom. By leaving the thread between the units, everything was held together for me—no pinning required.



PRESSING TIP

I broke the rules when pressing this block (to achieve a flatter finished block) after pressing the HST units toward the SHOO FLY fabric, when assembling the block, I pressed toward the WHITE. If you are using a good quality WHITE fabric, there aren't any issues with anything showing through. (I used Robert Kaufman Kona Cotton.)

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PLAYING WITH STRETCHED BLOCKS

SHOW & TELL

If you follow my blog, you might have seen this block coming. I had some small leftover bonus HSTs from another project and using the principles behind the design of this block, trimmed the triangle squares and used them as the basis to make small 3 by 4 inch stretched shoo fly blocks to make a small wall hanging.



As you might guess, I considered black and white as the background for our blocks ... but this busy little quilt changed my mind 😊

