

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 this Oklahoma Boomer variation 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.

SHHH ... IT'S THE BLOCK LOTTO SNEAK PEEK

SEPTEMBER 2013

BLOCK LOTTO



Boomer Goes Back to School Block Pattern

© 2013 Jean - sophie Wood

ABOUT THE BLOCK



BOOMER VARIATION

This 6 x 9 inch (finished size) block is a taller, variation of the traditional Oklahoma Boomer block. Traditionally this is a 2-color block, but we'll be using different fabrics for skin, garments, socks and shoes to dress our Boomer for back to school.

The challenge of making this block is in careful measuring and cutting and accurately sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams.

FABRIC GUIDELINES

CHOOSING FABRICS FOR YOUR BLOCK

The theme for the Block Lotto is Boomer (or Boomerette) go back to school. The back-to-school clothes that you choose for your Boomer blocks are up to you. Fabrics you'll need this month:

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

SKIN—may be a solid or tone-on-tone (TOT) print of your choice. While you don't necessarily have to choose something that looks like flesh, since these pieces are quite small, large prints would be unsuitable.

SHIRT, PANTS—quilter's choice of fabrics

SOCKS, SHOES, SKIRT, DRESS, SHORTS—quilter's choice of fabrics

If you make multiple blocks, you can use the same WHITE background and/or the same SKIN fabric in multiple blocks. You can use the same SHIRT, PANTS, DRESS fabrics in up to three blocks as long as each block is made from a unique combination of fabrics.

CUTTING FABRICS



CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

From SKIN fabric cut:

One large triangle for head – see note below

Three 1-inch squares for neck and hands

From SHIRT fabric cut:

One rectangle $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Two rectangles 1 by 2 for sleeves/arms

From PANTS fabric cut:

One rectangle $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Two rectangles 1 by $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches for legs



From the BACKGROUND cut:

One $1\frac{7}{8}$ inch square, cut diagonally, for the sides of the head

Two 1 by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch rectangles for the sides of the neck.

One $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{1}{4}$ inch rectangle for the space between the legs.

Two rectangles 2 by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches for above the arms

Two rectangles $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches for below the arms

FOR THE HEAD:

- If you are making multiple blocks and using the same SKIN fabric, you can cut four triangles by starting with a $3\frac{1}{4}$ inch square and cutting it diagonally twice to produce 4 large triangles.
- If you just want to cut a single triangle head, it's easiest to make a template, either by starting with a square as above or using the directions in my original Oklahoma Boomer block pattern.

© 2013 Jean-sophie Wood

SEWING THE BLOCK



ASSEMBLE THE CENTER FIRST

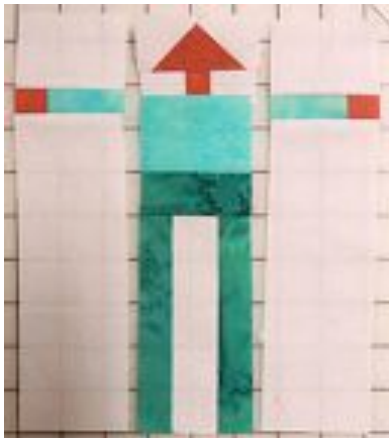
Sew the center sections together first—if your block is going to come up short, best to find out right away, right?

- Add background triangles to sides of large triangle head.
- Add small rectangles to sides of neck
- Sew SHIRT body to top of PANTS
- Sew background between legs.

Each of these section should measure 2 ½ inches wide. When they are sewn together to form the center of the block, it should measure 2 ½ inches wide by 9 ½ inches tall.



CONSTRUCT AND ADD THE SIDE SECTIONS



For each side section:

- Sew hands to sleeves
- Add background above and below each arm.

NOTE: Be sure to create mirror images for left and right sides of the block.

Each of these sections should also measure 2 ½ inches wide and 9 ½ inches tall.

Finish the block by sewing the three sections together. The

block should measure 6 ½ inches wide and 9 ½ inches tall.

BLOCK VARIATIONS

THE BASIC BOOMER BLOCK



After you have made the basic boomer block, have some fun adding socks and shoes or changing up the clothing

If/when you can create your own variations, but please maintain the:

- triangle head
- outstretched arms, and
- wide stance.

VARIATIONS ON THE BASIC BOOMER BLOCK



These four blocks include some of the variations I made, by adding socks and or/shoes, shortening the sleeves, changing the pants to shorts or a skirt or putting Boomer in a dress.

The next page walks through the math and the cutting changes for those variations on the Basic Boomer.

FOUNDATION PIECE THE BLOCKS

Find Julie's foundations for the paper-pieced versions of Boomer and Boomerette blocks on blocklotto.com

If you paper piece the blocks, don't forget to remove the paper foundations when you're done.



Find More Block Patterns on Blocklotto.com

BOOMER VARIATIONS

SHORT SLEEVES AND SHOES

The two easiest design elements are changing the sleeve length and adding shoes.

For **SHORT SLEEVES**, flip the measurements for hands and sleeves:

- Two 1 inch square of **SHIRT**
- Two 1 by 2-inch rectangles of **SKIN**

For **SHOES**:

- Cut two 1 inch square of **SHOE**
- Shorten the legs by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. In this variation of the Basic Boomer, the legs were cut as 2 rectangles, 1 by $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches



SKIRT AND SOCKS



This block has the short sleeves and shoes described above and adds socks and switches the pants for a skirt.

For the **SKIRT**:

- Replace the wide rectangle of the pants with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch square of **SKIRT**.
- Shorten the legs by 1-inch and change the fabric to **SKIN**
- Shorten the **BACKGROUND** rectangle between the legs by 1-inch to 1 by $4\frac{1}{4}$

For **SOCKS**:

- Cut two 1-inch squares from **SOCK**
- Shorten the legs by $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch. In this block, leg rectangles are 1 by $3\frac{3}{4}$.

BOOMER VARIATIONS

SHORTS



This block has the short sleeves, socks and shoes already covered. Here's how to change up the pants for shorts:

- Shorten the two long rectangles to 1 by 2-inch rectangles cut from **PANTS** for the shorts
- Cut two rectangles from **SKIN**. If you include socks and shoes, the rectangles are two rectangles 1 by $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inches. If your Boomer were barefoot (no socks or shoes), the **SKIN** rectangles for the legs would be $3\frac{3}{4}$ -inches.

DRESS

In addition to the changes for short sleeves and shoes, this block exchanges the shirt and pants for a short, straight dress.

For the **DRESS**:

- Replace the shirt and pants rectangles with the dress rectangle $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{3}{4}$ -inches.
- Shorten leg rectangles one inch and cut from **SKIN**.

Remember if you are adding shoes to shorten another $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, another whole inch if you are adding both socks and shoes. In my block, the legs were cut as two rectangles 1 by $3\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rectangles.



Find More Block Patterns on Blocklotto.com