

Wonky Strips Block



Block directions and guidelines for the December 2015 Block Lotto

This block is another long block measuring 5 x 18 ½ inches—to finish at 4 ½ by 18 inches when it is sewn into a quilt.

You can make a **MAXIMUM of NINE BLOCKS** for the drawing in December.

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Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

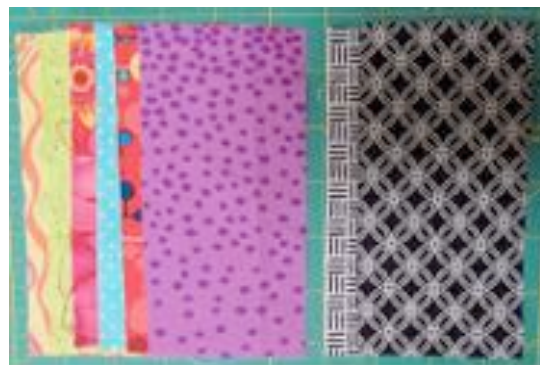
This scrappy block is made from at least 8 strips of fabric: 2 must be black & white prints or 1 black (solid or black on black print) and 1 white (solid or white-on-white print). The other six are quilter's choice—you can repeat fabrics within this six, but you must have at least three different quilter's choice fabrics.

If you choose to make multiple blocks, you can use the same Black and white fabrics and repeat quilter's choice fabrics as long as each block is a unique – NO TWINS.

Fabric Cutting

There are two options for cutting fabrics:
Cut 8 or 9 rectangles 3 x 6-inches as shown
OR
Gather scraps that are 2 to 3 inches wide by 6 inches long

Don't forget—two of the rectangles must be cut from (one or two) black & white print or from 1 white and 1 black fabric

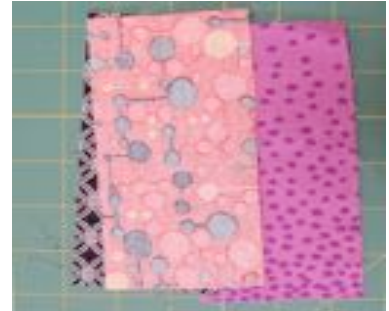


Sewing the Block

Instead of aligning the edges when you sew the rectangular strips, to create the wonky look of this block, you want to MIS-align them, creating a slim triangle extending beyond the seam allowance.

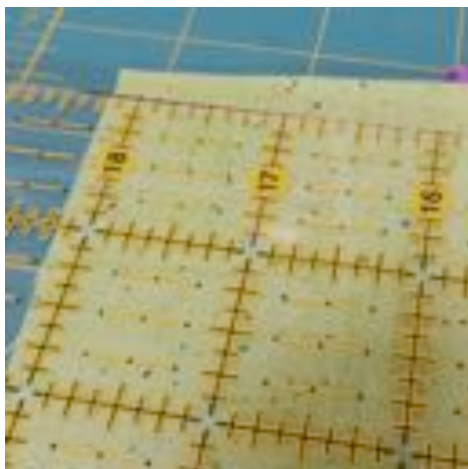
After the seam is sewn, trim off the excess and press.

Repeat with subsequent seams.



Alternate the direction of your angle as you add additional strips so that you don't create a curve. The object is to create a strip that can be trimmed to 5 by 18 ½ inches.

Here are my 8 rectangles sewn together in wonky fashion.



As you can see, my block came up just a little short.

This is not a problem because all I had to do was add another strip and then trim the block to the correct size - **5 by 18 ½ inches**

