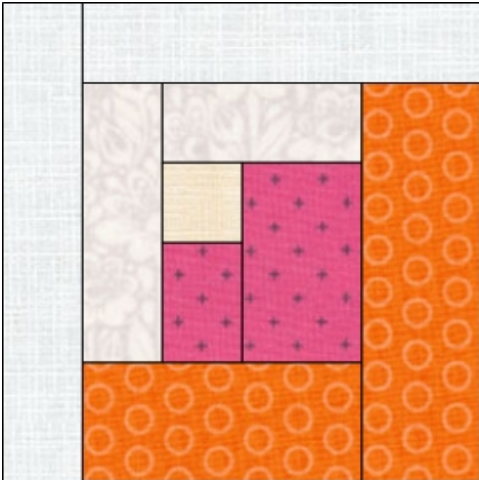


Block Lotto

January 2019 – Fireball



This six inch (finished size) uneven log cabin block can be combined and arranged in many interesting ways besides the “Fireball” layout shown here. Think about using it in traditional log cabin layouts or as a *Drunkard’s Path* unit.

This block is easily made using traditional piecing OR paper foundation-piecing (PFP) techniques. Directions for rotary cutting and traditional piecing are included, as well as a template for the PFP

The Fireball name for this block comes from the colors we’ll be using for the January 2019 Block Lotto. When you post the blocks, please use the tag **Fireball**.

FABRIC GUIDELINES

These blocks are made from at least three fabrics:

Background – Pale fabric(s) of your choice. These could be solids or prints. They should “read” as lights or low volume. Your background could be a single fabric or more, if you are using small scraps or want to create a scrappier block.

Fireball Fabric – A solid or tone-on-tone (TOT) print that is predominately red, orange or pink. Use at least two different colors/fabrics in each block—more if you like.

MULTIPLE BLOCKS

You may make up to 9 blocks to enter in the Block Lotto drawing. If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same **Background** fabric in all your blocks. You may also use the **Fireball** fabrics in multiple blocks as long as each block has a unique arrangement of fabrics—no twins!

CUTTING FABRIC

From **Background**, cut one each:

- 1 ½ inch square
- 1 ½ by 3 inch rectangle
- 1 ½ by 4 inch rectangle
- 1 ½ by 5 ½ inch rectangle
- 1 ½ by 6 ½ inch rectangle

From **Fireball Fabrics (at least 2)**, cut one each:

- 1 ½ by 2 inch rectangles
- 2 by 3 inch rectangle
- 2 by 4 inch rectangle
- 2 by 5 ½ inch rectangle

Foundation Piecing Tip:

If you choose to use paper foundation-piecing to make this block, you can pre-cut the fabrics using these measurements. However, I recommend cutting pieces a little larger to make it easier to ensure you cover each piece with enough seam allowance.

SEWING THE BLOCK (TRADITIONAL PIECING)

1. Start with the small background square. Add the 1 ½ by 2 inch Fireball rectangle to the bottom. Press the seam toward the Fireball fabric.
2. Add the 2 x 3 inch rectangle of Fireball fabric to the right side. Press the seam toward the Fireball fabric.

Measurement check:

You should have a sewn unit that measures 3 inches square

3. Maintaining the orientation shown at the top of the pattern, add the 1 ½ by 3 Background rectangle to the top. Press toward the added rectangle.
4. Add the 1 ½ x 4 inch rectangle of Background fabric to the left side. Press the seam toward the added rectangle.

Measurement check:

You should have a sewn unit that measures 4 inches square

5. Maintaining the orientation shown at the top of the pattern, add the 2 by 4 inch rectangle of Fireball fabric to the bottom. Press toward the added rectangle.
6. Add the 2 x 5 ½ inch rectangle of Fireball fabric to the right side. Press toward the added rectangle.

Measurement check:

You should have a sewn unit that measures 5 ½ inches square.

7. Maintaining the orientation shown at the top of the pattern, add the 1 ½ by 5 ½ inch Background rectangle to the top. Press toward the added rectangle.
8. Add the 1 ½ x 6 ½ inch rectangle of Background fabric to the left side. Press the seam toward the added rectangle. You're done!

Measurement check:

Your block should measure 6½ inches (for a finished size of 6 inches when sewn into a quilt by one of the winners).

SEWING THE BLOCK (FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING)

1. Confirm that that foundation pattern on the last page measures 6 ½ inches square. If not, double check that you are printing at 100% and don't have any boxes checked that say something like *shrink to fit*.
2. Add fabric pieces to the foundation in the numbered order A1 through A9.

DON'T FORGETS:

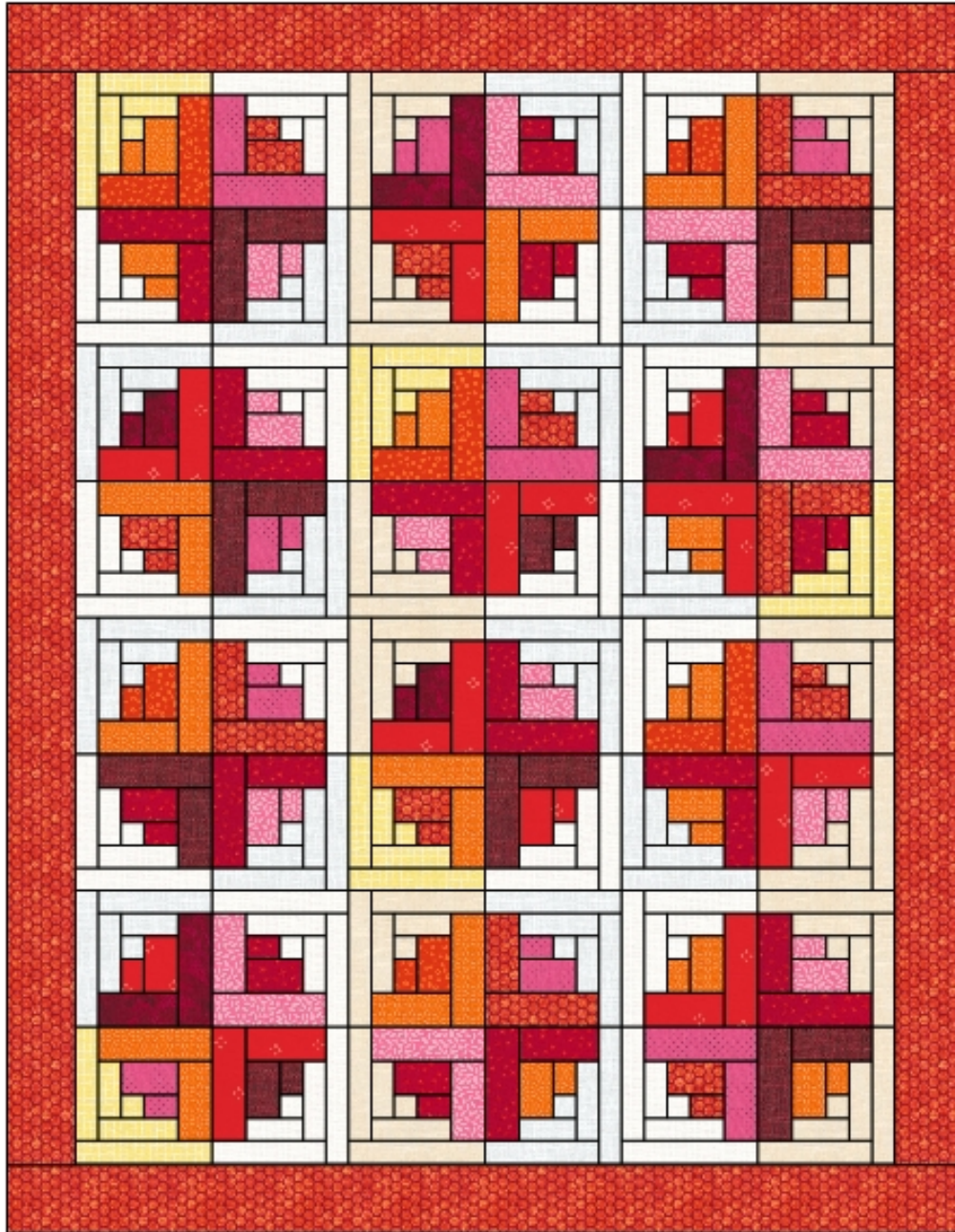
- The printed foundation pattern on the next page is a mirror image of the block because it will end up on the BACK.
- DO NOT USE the foundation pattern on the next page as a reference if you are piecing the block traditionally or you will create a mirror image of the block.
- If you choose to paper-piece your block, be sure to remove paper foundation before sending your block to a winner.

FIREBALL QUILT

This quilt is made from 48 Fireball blocks and measures 42 x 54 inches. For the borders, cut:

- Two side border strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- Top and Bottom border strips $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Assemble the quilt by first sewing groups of four blocks together to form 12-inch circle blocks (AKA fireballs). Sew the 4-block units together in a 3 by 4 arrangement. Add borders to the long sides, then the shorter sides (top and bottom).



Off-Center 3 Log Cabin

