

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD - BOM

The BOM presented at the August Guild Meeting is called the Hidden Wells quilt block. This block is made from $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips of fabric, so think Jelly Rolls, leftover binding strips or $2\frac{1}{2}$ " cuts from some of your favorite fabrics in your stash.

This block will not be used for a lotto drawing next month, so feel free to play with your fabrics, prints, solids, or combinations.

DIRECTIONS USING A JELLY ROLL

Sort your jelly roll strips into sets of 4. I alternated dark and light for the presentation.

Sew the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips WOF together along the long edge. Press seams open. The 4 strips together should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by WOF.

Cut into $8\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Take (2) $8\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, 1 block horizontal with dark strip at bottom, right side facing upward. Take the other block and rotate it so that the strips are vertical. Place the vertical strip right side together with horizontal block (vertical dark strip will be on the left side when your right sides are together). The importance of this is to make each of your $8\frac{1}{2}$ " block packages the same, if making multiples.

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " around all four sides of the square.

Cut the $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square package diagonally making certain to cut through the corner seam, creating (4) blocks.

Trim the 4 blocks to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " making certain you are consistent with your squaring, using the large diagonal in the fabric as your center point, trimming equally around the block. Iron the seams open.

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PLAY TIME

By rotating the (4) 5 ½" blocks, you will see that you have several designs that create the "hidden wells." Pick your favorite design and sew your blocks together.

TUTORIALS CAN BE FOUND:

The following YouTube tutorial by Chatterbox Quilts demonstrates the various design possibilities at the end of her tutorial.

<https://youtu.be/5toH8ovC9Si?si=dllk4ZfecXMH54n->

This tutorial on YouTube is by Teresa Down Under. She demonstrates two different designs. Please note that when she sews her (4) 2 ½" strips together, her 4 strip measures 8 ¼" and therefore she cuts her blocks into 8 ¼" squares. ****If your block does not measure 8 ½", don't worry, just cut your square the same as the width of your 4 sewn strips.****

<https://youtu.be/g8oKs9NhjFM?si=wgXMIH7Ncfl8vUly>

Example Blocks

