

## Block of the Month September 2014

To make our September Block of the Month, we will use a Fall color scheme. You may submit up to 5 blocks, and receive one ticket per block for a chance to win some or all of the blocks that are turned in at our September meeting.

To make EACH block you will need:

- **Color A** for the “border” (*tan or cream print/blender/batik/solid*)  
2 strips 2’ 1/2” x 12-1/2”  
2 strips 2-1/2” x 8-1/2”
- **Color B** (*contrasting, darker fall color print/blender/batik/solid*)  
2 strips 2-1/2” x 8-1/2”
- **4 different fall prints/blenders/batiks/solids**  
Cut 1 strip of each to measure 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” (a total of **4 different** strips)

To assemble the block:

\* Note that seams should be pressed toward the darker colors in each step.

1. Sew the four 2-1/2” x 4-1/2” strips to each other along their longer, 4-1/2” sides. You will then have a unit that looks like it is striped. It should measure 4-1/2” x 8-1/2” and will become the center of your finished block. My example below shows this unit made using strips of paisley print, rust blender, yellow print, and orange print fabrics.
2. Sew a Color B strip along each of the 8-1/2” sides of the unit assembled above. Your unit now measures 8-1/2” x 8-1/2”. My Color B strips are made using a dark green blender.
3. Sew the two 2-1/2” x 8-1/2” Color A strips (the shorter tan print strips in my example) to the sides of the unit, parallel to the 4-1/2” strips. Your unit now measures 8-1/2” x 12-1/2”.
4. Finally, sew the last two 2-1/2” x 12-1/2” Color A strips along the other two sides (top & bottom in the photo) of your unit, as for a border. Unfinished block measures 12-1/2” square.

