



ORANGE COUNTY
QUILTERS GUILD

OCQG BLOCK OF THE MONTH-JANUARY 2021

SELVAGE SPOOLS 6 ½" Unfinished



We are going to have fun building spools of thread out of our colorful collection of selvages. It helps if you make at least two blocks at a time so you can strip piece.

Cutting for two blocks:

Two base squares 5 ½" of any fabric (D)

Selvage strips cut 5 ½" long, 1 " in width (D)

Spool wood 4 strips 6 ½" x 1 ½"(B)

Background fabric of light gray or tan four 4 ½" X 1 ½" strips, (C)

Eight 1 ½" squares of your background fabric for snowballing (A)

Assembling blocks:

The selvage square:

Lay one piece of selvage along right side of your 5 ½" square base (raw side to your left) and stitch it down.

Lay the next piece of selvage (raw side to the left) on top of the first piece, exposing some color or words;

Stitch it down. (Demonstration available at the Block Party table.)

Continue laying and stitching with the raw sides to the left being covered by the next selvage strip.

When you have the 5 ½" square covered with stitched selvages, press it and square to 4 ½".

Attach two background fabrics to the right and left sides of your selvage spool.

Snowball *** the corners of your wood 6 ½" x 1 ½" strips.

Attach these wood pieces to the top and bottom of your selvage squares, forming your wooden spool.

There are lots of stitched layers here, so a spritz of starch helps this block to lay flat.

Note: ***Snowball means to lay a 1 ½" square of background fabric right sides together on each top corner of a

Wood B strip. Stitch diagonally across the small squares. Press small square up towards the top. Flipping the fabrics over, check that your edges are squared up to the brown wood fabric, trimming if necessary. When satisfied, cut off the bottom two layers—wood and middle of the small square. Press again. You now have a single layer snowball background making a sharp edge to your wooden spool.

Put your name in the drawing Once for each 6 ½" selvage spool turned in (Maximum of 5).

Questions? Contact Cheri Hansen at hansen.cheri@gmail.com or 714-528-1836.

Come to the guild with a quilt top made from these selvage spools, even if you do not win blocks, and you will get a prize! Have fun with your selvage fabrics!

