

OCQG Block of the Month

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“Happy, Scrappy Dots”

Here’s how to make one block:

1. Cut a 10” square of background fabric. It can be a solid, print, or batik.
2. Find 3 circle templates in different sizes. I used a partially-used roll of masking tape, and the lids from my Parsley Flakes and Bay Leaf jars. The resulting circles were approximately 3- $\frac{3}{4}$ ”, 2- $\frac{7}{8}$ ”, and 1- $\frac{7}{8}$ ” in diameter. You can pick your own sizes, but I liked the balance of these.
3. Trace your templates on the paper side of fusible bond material, and trim about $\frac{1}{4}$ ” outside the traced outline. (I used Heat-n-Bond Lite, but use what you have on hand).
4. Pick 3 fabrics for your dots that contrast nicely with your background. Fuse each of your traced circles to the wrong side of each of the 3 fabrics.
5. Trim the dots on the traced line.
6. Peel off the paper backing, position the dots on your square background where you want them, and fuse in place.
7. Machine stitch around the edge of each circle. I used clear monofilament thread and a narrow zig-zag stitch, but you could use matching thread and a straight, satin, or zig-zag stitch, if you prefer.
8. Press your block, and trim it carefully to a nice, square 9- $\frac{1}{2}$ ”.

