

2008 Mystery Quilted Wall Hanging: October Block of the Month: Bolts of Fabric

This is the last block for the sewing room wallhanging. It is another of the taller blocks. You can make four to create a row, or make two and add with some of the smaller blocks. Our final block is the quilter's favorite: Bolts of yummy Fabric! Think how terrific and colorful these blocks will look!

You may choose any fabrics you wish for the fabric on the bolts: try various colors and styles. You will also need white or white on white background fabrics for continuity in the block exchange.

For each block you will need:

For the fabric bolts cut: four 10 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips

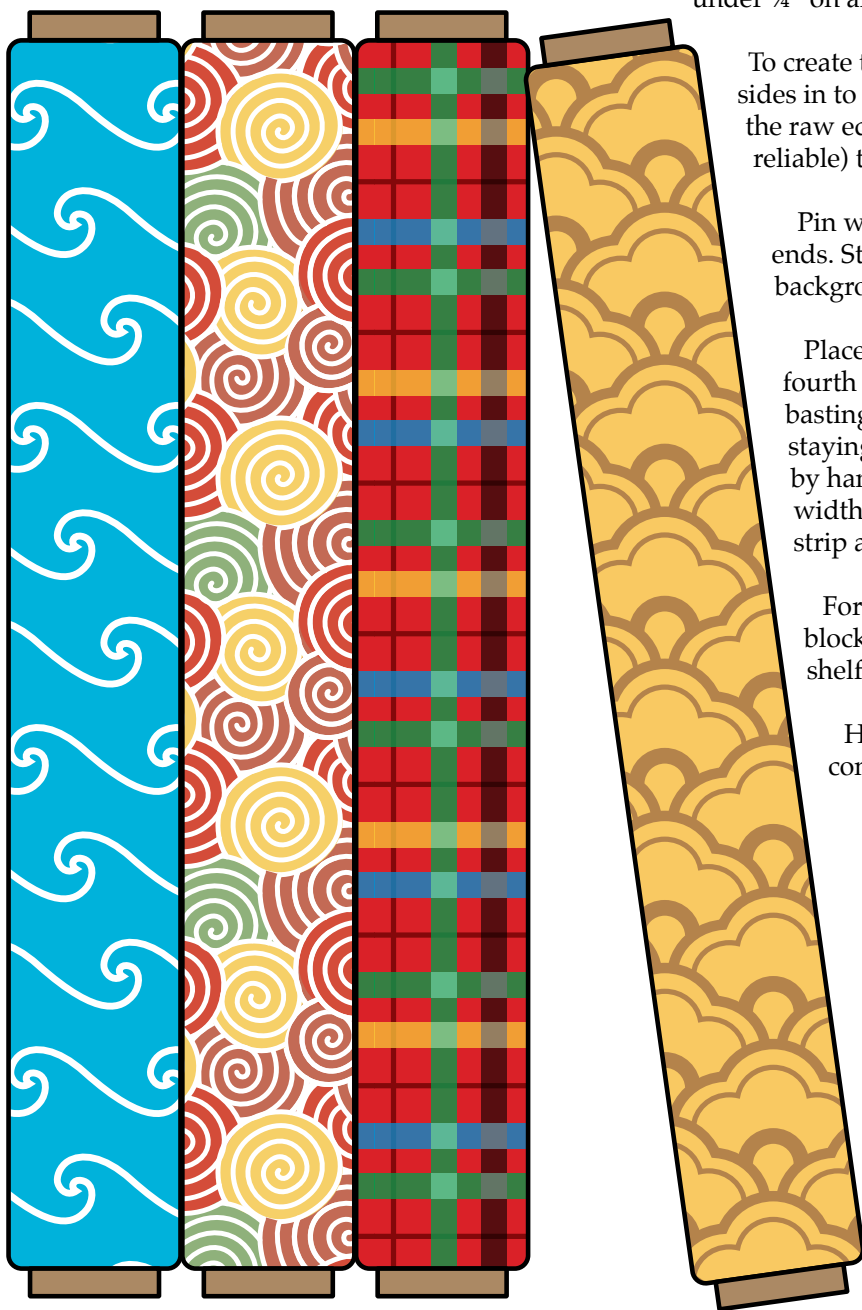
For the cardboard ends of the backing boards cut: eight 1" x 2" rectangles from tans/grays.

For the white background cut: one 7" x 1 1/2" bottom strip

one 7" x 2" top strip

one 10 1/2" x 4" side piece

Sew three of the fabric bolt strips together and add the white background side piece. For the fourth fabric bolt piece, press under 1/4" on all four sides.



To create the eight backing board tan/gray pieces, fold the 2" sides in to meet at the center. Press. Fold the unit in half so that the raw edges meet and press. Pin or baste (basting is more reliable) this folded unit to the ends of each of the three bolts.

Pin white top strip on, sandwiching the backing board ends. Stitch and press toward the fabric bolts. Add bottom background piece the same way. Press.

Place a folded backing board piece under both ends of the fourth bolt, tucking it beneath the folded seam allowances, basting it in place. Stitch the fourth bolt in place at an angle, staying within the seam allowance. This is preferably done by hand, but you could fuse it, I suppose. Press. Trim block width to 6 1/2". Trim bottom background strip to 1/2" and top strip as needed to achieve a total of 12 1/2" in height.

For variety, you might try having all the bolts in one block standing upright, or adding more bolts to fill your shelf, just keep the 6 1/2" block width the same.

Have fun with this! If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Burns, 927-0848