

November Block of the Month – please use cool colors if you are submitting blocks for the raffle.

MAGIC MOUNTAIN (MM) BLOCK (AKA DELECTABLE MOUNTAINS)

This month we are featuring a technique for making a magic mountain block. The finished block will be a rectangle 7 ½ “ x 12” (unfinished 8 x 12 ½).

FOR EACH MAGIC MOUNTAIN BLOCK

You will start by making 2 half square triangles. Follow the instructions in last month’s post:

Choose 2 contrasting fabrics – light and dark. Press together- right sides together. For each MM block you will need one square of each color measuring 9”

Mark the diagonal, sew on either side, cut between sewing lines. Open and press toward the dark. Trim to two 8” squares. These are your 2 HSTs

Now comes the fun part!

LINE UP your squares to resemble and mountain as shown blow.

CUT into four 2” vertical strips per block.

SHUFFLE by exchanging pairs of strips to form jagged peaks.

SEW together. You have made one basic block to raffle or keep. Make as many as you’d like. You can enter the raffle once for each block you make.

If you are going to keep it, you could still make a bunch to produce a great tessellated border (or row) as shown below. Or if you really must add strips on the top and bottom to make a square.

See the instructions for the challenge block below

LINE UP, CUT, SHUFFLE , SEW

TESSELLATED BLOCKS

CHALLENGE BLOCK



Challenge block for October – magic mountain square

As you can see from the photo this is a nine patch 15" square finished.

CUT from background

4 squares 5"

4 squares 2 1/2"

4 squares 7" for 8 HST

From mountain fabric

1 square 2 1/2"

4 squares 7" for 8 HST

For the abbreviated magic mountain squares:

SEW 4 pairs of background and mountain fabric together to form 8 HST. Trim to 6" squares. Line up, cut (this time into 1 1/2" strips) and shuffle as before. But this time only sew three pairs of peaks together to form the abbreviated magic mountains. The block should be 6 1/2" x 6". Trim 1" off the bottom to get four blocks at 6 1/2" x 5".

For the center square:

Trim the remaining magic mountain strips to 2 1/2" high and sew in pairs to form v shapes. Assemble the center block using the 2 1/2" squares (4 background squares for corners and mountain fabric square for center).

Assemble 9 patch:

Using four 5" background squares for corners and assembled blocks for center and other 4 squares.

Congratulations!

Fabric Request – If you have at least a yard of seasonal fabric you would like to donate for making pillowcases in November, please bring in to the October meeting so we can make up kits for November.