

# Whitlock's Weekly Whimsy

## Week 5

### Block 44

#### Cutting:

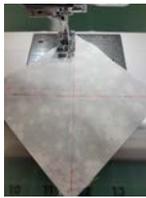
<i>Fabric</i>	<i>Measurements</i>
Color 1	1 @ 4 ¾ x 4 ¾
Color 8	1 @ 4 ¾ x 4 ¾
Color 10	4 @ 2 x 2
Color 11	4 @ 2 x 2

#### Techniques:

Magic 8

#### Sewing:

Place the two 4 ¾” squares on top of each other, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner, twice.



Stitch a total of four lines: ¼” from each side of the drawn lines

Time to cut. You'll make a total of four cuts. I like to use a rotating cutting mat on this step. If you don't have a rotating mat, cut somewhere you can move around your table so you can cut from all sides.

Cut vertically right down the center. Align your ruler with the center where your drawn lines intersect. Double check your alignment by dividing the original block measurement in half and making sure the edge of your ruler on that line. Example: our block began at 4 ¾”, which is the same as 4 6/8. Half of that is 2 3/8. So my ruler needed to be on the 2 3/8 line. (I had stretch myself doing that math as school was many many moons ago)



The second cut is perpendicular to the cut you just made. Use the same measurements.

The third and fourth cuts are on the drawn diagonal lines, between your stitching lines.



Press towards the dark.

Check to see if you need to trim to 2” squares.



Lay out your block on your design board and begin webbing your pieces together.

You have four columns this time but the process is the same. I like to sew all the rows together before I press. This way I can press the first row to the right, the second to the left, etc...making nesting the seams a breeze. Sew your rows together and go on to the next block.



Could you sew the pieces into 4-patch units? Yes, however you run a bit more risk of getting something turned the wrong direction. If you are confident, do it any way that works for you. That is what this is all about, finding what works best for you. Just because this is the way I do it, doesn't mean you have to!

This is my quilting motto.  
I like it sew much I made it into a quilt that hangs in my studio.  
Find your quilt rules and practice until you perfect them!

Congratulations! Nine down...