



Block of the Month

October

October is also a special month for our family. My anniversary falls on the 7th and my oldest daughter's birthday is the 27th. It is a month in the South that is often still warm but a peek of the Fall is in the air. It is the perfect month to sit outside and enjoy the last of the warm weather with a good book. The crazy of the holidays is about to rush so I soak up every minute of October.

I love this book block because it is perfect for using your selvages for the book titles. You can really have fun picking out some whimsical fabrics for the book covers. Have fun with this block and shop your stash for some fun fabrics for your dream books.

I thought I would share some of my favorite reads with you this month, as well. I love *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson, and last but not least my favorite quilt book is *The Quilt Block Cookbook* by Amy Gibson. Let me know your favorites!

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THE DETAILS

- Read through all instructions first before beginning the project
- All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- RST = right sides together
- Completed block measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square (for a single block) or $20\frac{1}{2}$ " square (for the quilt)



Let's Make a Block

Fabric Requirements

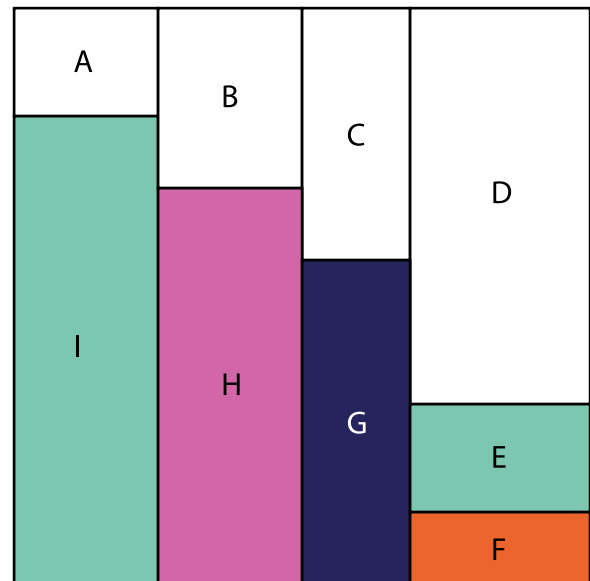
- Books :: Assorted scraps or strips at least 3-5" wide
- Background :: 10" square

Cutting Instructions

- A - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ "
- B - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ "
- C - $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $5\frac{3}{4}$ "
- D - $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $8\frac{3}{4}$ "
- E - $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ "
- F - $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2"
- G - $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $7\frac{1}{4}$ "
- H - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{3}{4}$ "
- I - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{4}$ "

Instructions

1. Sew unit A to I.
2. Sew unit B to H.
3. Sew unit C to G.
4. Sew unit E to F and then to D.
5. Sew units together according to the diagram, or in your preferred order!



Watch me make the block

I made a video for YOU
showing my tips and tricks!



Block of the Month

Let's Make a Quilt

Fabric Requirements (for 4 blocks)

- Books :: Fat Quarters of at least 4 different fabrics
- Background :: $\frac{1}{3}$ yard

Cutting Instructions (per block)

- A - $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ "
- B - $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{3}{4}$ "
- C - $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $9\frac{1}{4}$ "
- D - $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $14\frac{1}{4}$ "
- E - $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ "
- F - $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3"
- G - $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $11\frac{3}{4}$ "
- H - $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $14\frac{1}{4}$ "
- I - $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{3}{4}$ "

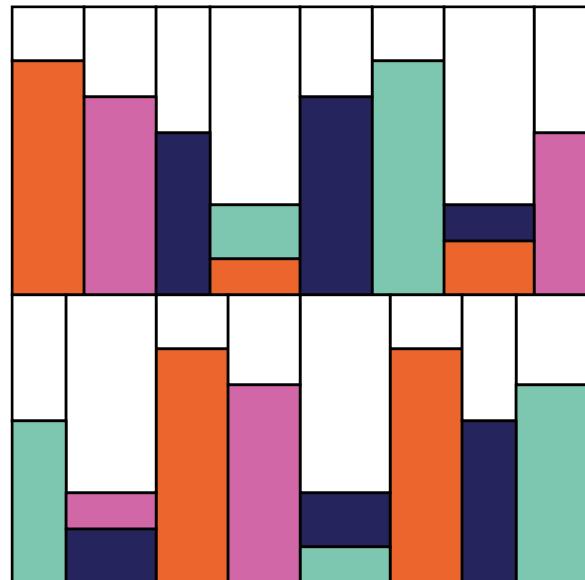
Instructions

I upsize the block to 20" for an easy let's make a quilt!

Using the pieces described above, follow the same process to make your blocks. Mix up the book heights, and throw in extra fabric or embellishments to really make it your own.

You can make any size quilt easily with big blocks!

40" x 40"





PODCASTS

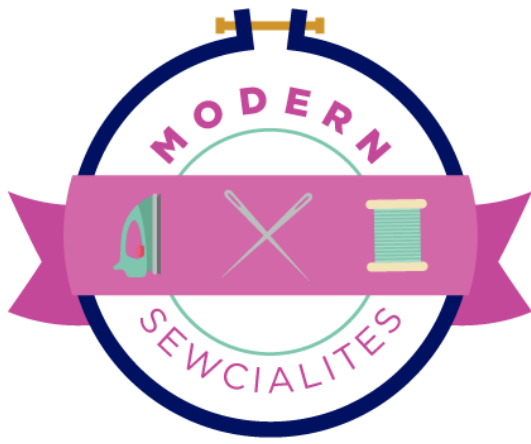
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RECIPE

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Easy Pumpkin Cookies

I took Culinary Arts in High School. I loved the teacher, Mrs. McKenzie, and still keep in touch with her. I remember we always made these cookies in the fall and I loved the smell of the school on those days. I am not a big pumpkin or pumpkin spice person but I love these. They are the perfect fall cookie.

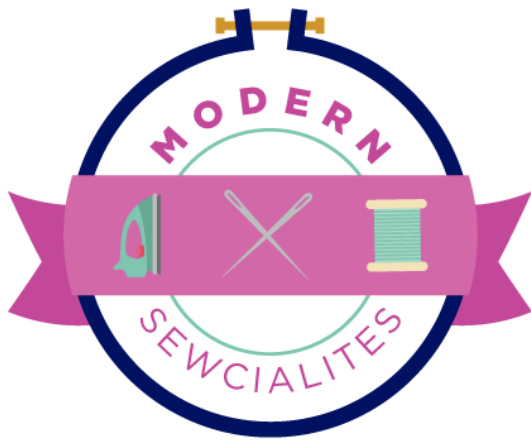
Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick), softened
- 1 cup LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Glaze

- 2 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

You can also omit the cinnamon and nutmeg and use pumpkin spice instead.



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Instructions

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Grease baking sheets.

COMBINE dry ingredients - flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in medium bowl. Beat sugar and butter in large mixer bowl until well blended. Beat in pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract until smooth. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Drop 1 tablespoon of dough for each cookie on cookie sheet.

BAKE for 15 to 18 minutes. You want to make sure the cookies are firm to touch. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Drizzle Glaze over cookies.

FOR GLAZE:

COMBINE 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 3 tablespoons milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl until smooth. You can add cinnamon, nutmeg, or pumpkin spice to the glaze if you would like.