

# BLOCK LOTTO



## Design your own Improv Block

This month's block is intended for you to stretch your personal comfort zone with improv. There are no official step by step instructions. You should improv a block design of your own using the rule set below. Think outside of the box!

### The Rules:

**Background fabric:** A very light grey (solid or print that "reads" very light grey)

**Accent fabrics:** Black, charcoal grey, and mustard (no bright yellows)

\*Trim all blocks to 10 inches square\*

### Starting your block:

Decide where you'd like to start. Maybe you have a few scraps of accent color fabrics that you randomly sew together and fill the rest of your block with background fabric. Or maybe you'd like to put them in some order such as the block to the right.



## For Inspiration:

Here is the first block I did:



I sat staring at my fabric trying to decide...where to start? Finally, I started with a 12 inch square of background fabric. I decided I just needed to cut it somewhere, so I did. Next I added a thin 1 inch strip of black. I liked the graphic contrast to the background. So I added one more and then a mustard strip for fun. I could have done more to the block, but I like the asymmetry that developed and decided to leave it as is. I trimmed to 10 inches square.

Here is the second block I did:



I wanted something with curves. I started by cutting my 12 inch block into 4 sections. Then I layered equal size squares (6 inches each) with my background fabric. I freehand cut the curves. Then I sewed them together and trimmed to 10 inches square.

**Your imagination is the only limit to the design of this block. Have fun...and try at least one block!**

GENERAL RULES:

- Blocks must be made of quilt shop quality, modern fabric.
- Blocks should be 10 inches square...MUST BE within 1/4 inch.
- You may make up to 3 blocks/month. Each block gets one entry into the drawing. There is a \$1/block entry fee paid to the guild.
- If there are more than 24 blocks, we will split the pile in half and draw 2 names
- Please label your block with your name. (You may use an address label)
- If you have previously won, you must bring your FINISHED quilt made from your winning blocks in order to be eligible to win again. You may still contribute to the pool each month, if you'd like.