

MONTHLY MYSTERY BLOCK
CARSON VALLEY QUILT GUILD
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Let's have fun and use our stashes and scraps.

For each block submitted, your name will be entered. For example, if you submit 3 blocks, your name will be entered 3 times. We will draw one name to win the blocks before break at each meeting.

Instructions are for a 12 inch square block. Your block should measure 12-1/2 inches Unfinished. Please be accurate in your piecing.

For each block, in the “white” or background area indicated in the block, please use neutral colored fabric. The block for January has specific color placement. You can use other values in the red, blue and yellow placements. These blocks are meant to be scrappy so go to your scrap bin or your stash to add interest to the blocks. It doesn't require a lot of fabric to make one or two blocks.

Rotary cutting sizes are provided, but it's up to you to decide how to piece the block. In January's block you can use strip piecing for the 9-patch portions of the block. There are different methods for piecing the pinwheel portion of the block, including drawing the cutting line on the wrong side of the fabric and stitching ¼ inch on either side of the line; or Triangles on a Roll among other methods for piecing half-square triangles.

The blocks and simple sets will be posted each month on the Carson Valley Quilt Guild website. If you need color placement you'll be able to access the files at <http://cvqg.com/>. I'm using Electric Quilt 7 for drawing blocks and simple sets. If you'd like, I can email a file to you. Please contact me each month for the file.

If you have questions, please contact Vicki Finchum at 782-4545 or topztitched@gmail.com.