

SIMPLICITY BOM #8

Please read ALL instructions first.

Block #8 is a foundation or paper pieced block. This technique will require you to place fabrics Right Sides Together (**RST**) on the Unmarked side (**UM side**) of the foundation, pin, turn over, and sew along a line on the Marked side (**M side**) of the foundation. In this block the foundation will be paper.

Your brain will need to think in reverse for the first few steps until you understand the method. The reward of perfect seams is all worth the effort.

This block requires 4 identical mini blocks, comprised of 2 units, to be paper pieced and then sewn together into one 8 ½” unfinished block.

TIPS:

1. Always be aware of your fabric sizes and how they layout. It helps to hold or pin 2 fabrics in place first and then fold fabric back (as if pressing a seam open) to verify that the fabric will cover the entire area it is intended for—BEFORE sewing. You won't need to do this every time, just until you feel comfortable with the placement of the fabrics.
2. The Add-A-Quarter™ ruler is Amazing. If you do not have this tool, you can follow the same instructions by carefully placing the ¼” mark of your ruler along the folded paper edge to trim fabric seam allowance. The easy part of the ruler is that it has a lip to place against the paper edge for accuracy.
3. If you have room at your sewing machine, set up a mini cutting mat and small iron. This will make the process go so much quicker.

FOUNDATION PREPARATION:

You should have a Unit A and a Unit B. You will need 4 copies of each unit.

1. Stack all 4 of Unit A and all 4 of Unit B making sure that they are exactly aligned. Without thread in your machine, stitch over the section lines to perforate the paper. This will allow ease in folding, seeing where your sections are, and tearing the paper away when finished.
2. After perforating, trim each unit to approximately ¼” beyond the outer seam allowance line. You will trim to the line once each unit is complete.
3. Sew each unit following the number sequence for fabric placement.

Unit A: 1= Lily pad 2= Gold 3= Purple 4= Gold

Unit B: This unit will use 2 different fabrics in the #2 section.

1= Lavender 2= Focus fabric in 2 and Blue wave fabric in 2

CUTTING:

Focus: Cut 2 pieces @ 4 ½” Square

Lily pad: Cut 4 strips @ 2” x 5”

Gold: Cut 4 squares @ 1” sq. & 4 strips @ 1 ¼” x 5”

Blue Wave: Cut 2 pieces @ 4 ½” Square

Purple: Cut 4 strips @ 1 ½” x 5”

Lavender: Cut 4 squares @ 3” sq.

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