

Día de los Muertos/Super Lotería
PVQA Block of the Month
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The Pajaro Valley has strong ties to Hispanic culture, and September 15-October 15 is designated as Hispanic Heritage Month. November begins with the vibrant salute to ancestors known as **Día de los Muertos**. We've chosen to honor these 2 events and our community's ties to Hispanic culture with the **Día de los Muertos/Super Lotería** block that combines Mexican lottery figures with Day of the Dead iconography.

Think fiesta! Think color! Use your brightest prints and solids to surround your lottery figure. You might even choose a figure that reflects a friend or family member you want to honor.

The packet contains:

1 lottery figure
1 strip of black fabric
instructions

You supply:

Fabric A-a little less than a fat eighth
Fabric B-also a little less than a fat eighth
Fabric C-a scrap for the corners

Caution: The Lotería figures are of slightly different rectangular sizes. This is how they were printed on the fabric. You will use “coping strips” to enlarge the central block containing the Lotería figure to a 4½” block.

Step 1: Create the central block with the Lotería figure

*Using the black 1¾” coping strips provided in the packet, sew strips to the top and bottom of the Lotería block figure. The strips should be approximately 3” long.

*Press and trim.

*Using the black 1¾” coping strips, sew strips to the 2 right and left sides of the Lotería block figure. The strips should be a bit longer than 4½”.

*Press and trim the Lotería block to 4½” square, ensuring that the Lotería figure is squarely in the center of the block.



Step 2: Create central section (section #1, see diagram)

- *From your Fabric A and Fabric B, cut 2 strips $1\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ "
- *Join, right sides together, along the long edge
- *Press and cut section #1 into 2, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces
- *Join to the central block as shown



Step 3: Creating section #2(see diagram)

- *From fabric A, cut 1 strip $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ "
- *From fabric B, cut 2 strips $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ "
- *Sew fabric B to both ends of fabric A, as shown
- *Trim to straighten edges then cut into 2 strips $1\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ "
- *Sew to the top and bottom off section #1 as shown in the diagram



Step 4: Create section #3(see diagram)

- *From fabric B, cut a strip $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ "
- *From fabric C, cut 2 strips each $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ "
- *Sew a fabric C strip to the top and bottom of fabric B, as shown
- *Press the seams toward fabric B
- *Trim and cut into 2 strips each $1\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ "
- *Sew to the top and bottom of the block



Congratulations! Your block is complete. Stand back and admire it!

