

## NOVEMBER 2026 BOM

### String blocks: Make-up blocks

November's block is a string block and an opportunity to add to your credits. It will be available at the OCTOBER meeting, because November is a virtual meeting. **The November block will be due in January 2027.**

String blocks are fun, easy to make, and you can use your scraps.

In your packet: one blue strip for the center of the block, one foundation paper, and the instructions.

If you want to do more, pick up foundation papers and blue strips which are on the table in sets of 5.

You need a glue stick, which you can find at Staples or a Dollar store. Elmer's School Glue Stick is good because it washes out.

Our foundation papers are from Missouri Star Quilt Company, which has an excellent tutorial on YouTube: *Replay: Making a String quilt with Jenny and Misty*.

Your strips can be any width, just be sure to cover the paper completely at its edges.

#### **Please include one selvedge.**

##### Step 1.

Draw a line on the paper diagonally from the lower left corner to the upper right corner. Use this line to help center your blue strip. **Ignore the lines on the foundation paper.**

##### Step 2.

Using a glue stick, run a light line of glue on one side of the blue strip. Place it glue side down, centering it diagonally on your paper from the lower left corner to the opposite upper right corner. Finger press it in place.

##### Step 3.

Set your stitch length to 2.5 for easy removal of the foundation paper.

Choose your first strip, making sure it is long enough to cover the paper when it is sewn to the center blue strip. Longer is always better: add at least one inch at each end. If your strip is wide, you may need more fabric at each end of your strip. Tails will be trimmed away.

Step 4.

Place this strip right sides together with one edge of the blue strip, lining up the raw edges.

Step 5

Sew along the raw edges, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam. Flip the strip you just sewed so that the raw edges face the paper and press from the top.

Take another strip of fabric, again checking that it will cover the paper, lining up the raw edges, and stitch a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam. Flip this strip over and press, as above.

Step 6

Repeat on each side of the diagonal blue strip until the paper is completely covered.

**Remember to use a strip of selvedge.**

Step 7

Trim to 10 inches square (the size of the paper), then remove the paper.

Admire your string block(s) and feel part of quilt history! The first string quilts were made in the 1880s and were often included in crazy quilts, with embroidery on the seam lines.

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