



Round 3 Introduction



Introduction

Welcome to the Block of the Month Club from the National Quilt Museum!

Round 3 will run January - December 2021.

Blocks are released as PDF patterns at **Noon CST on the 1st of each month** to both the FB group page, and the website: QuiltMuseum.org/BlockOfTheMonth.

Block size has increased this Round - they will be trimmed to 12.5" x 12.5" each month and finish at 12" x 12".

As the Museum celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2021, blocks created by guest designers will be inspired by museum exhibits, programs, & themes.

Finished Round 3 quilts that use all 12 blocks will be eligible for an exclusive custom label. Using the suggested layout is not required to receive a label.

We'll be using a Quilt-As-You-Go method for Round 3.

Quilt-As-You-Go (QAYG)

A process of layering the top, batting, and backing, then quilting each block individually before it is joined together into a finished quilt. It can relieve the stress of wrangling a large quilt through the sewing machine when quilting. As each block is quilted along the way, once they are joined together the quilt is already quilted and just needs binding!

There are many ways to accomplish QAYG, but we will be following the joining method from Marianne at TheQuiltingEdge.com (Instagram @MariQuilts).

Fabric requirements will be for the suggested layout and QAYG method. Feel free to use other methods in creating your quilt if desired.

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Suggested Layout

Suggested layout is for a finished quilt ~ 46" x 60" in size. **See layout diagram on page 4.**

Each block will have its own fabric requirements listed in the pattern. Many quilters choose a color palette or focus fabric up front to help create a selection of fabrics to use during the Round. Pull from stash, scraps, coordinate a specific palette, or decide as each block is released - it's up to you!

Fabric for Suggested Layout

Fabric amounts are for the Front and Back Sashings and block backings only. Front and Back Sashings will not be needed until you're ready to join quilted blocks together. We'll have more details about the joining process towards the end of the Round, but you can read up on the method from TheQuiltingEdge.com at any time.

Each Block will need 1 batting and 1 backing square cut at 15" x 15". This will allow enough room to handle it while quilting, and for it to be trimmed accurately to size.

TIP: Fat Quarters are perfect to use for block backing.

Front Sashing:

The QAYG joining method requires folding the Front Sashing piece in half to have a clean finished edge. Using the same fabric for all the Front Sashings, you'll need ~ 2 ½ yards of fabric.

Back Sashing:

If using all the same fabric for the Back Sashing, you'll need ~ 1 ¼ yard of fabric.

Batting:

The QAYG joining method is also a great way to use up leftover strips of batting in the sashings.

