

# Block of the Month with Carolyn Buxton



## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the first block of the month and welcome to your creative quilting journey to make this beautiful quilt. When complete it measures 52" square and is made of nine 12" blocks with sashing and a border of pinwheels and flying geese. Some of the techniques that I will show you are half square triangles, quarter square triangles, fast flying geese, applique, quilting and much more.

The course will run each month at the Sew me how Chester School of Sewing in Saltney.

At each workshop we will make 2 blocks or 1 block and part of the decorative border.

To complete the quilt, you will need to attend 7 workshops. Do not worry if you need to miss a month as you can continue from where you left off at the following month.

Click on the web link here to book on your next Block of the Month Workshop

<http://www.sewmehowchester.co.uk/patchworkandquiltingblockchester.html>

Before you attend you will need to purchase your fabrics and a list of the fabric requirements are shown below, should you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact me on 0773 460 6234.

## Fabric Requirements

Total fabric to make a 52" square quilt - all fabrics should be 100% cotton of the same weight.

For the colours I have made suggestions based on what I have used for my quilt, you are welcome to choose your own colour scheme. Blues with whites and beiges, greens with purples, Red with black and purples for example.

If you wish pick a patterned fabric and then pull out the colours from that fabric to blend with the patterned fabric, this works well and can make the colour choice easier. Small patterns are better than large due to the fabric being cut up and some large patterns could lose their impact

If you would prefer to purchase fat quarters, then you would need to divide the measurement for 1 meter by 4 to give you the number of the same or similar coloured fat quarters – e.g. Light = 1.25m or 5 fat quarters. However, the sashing and the backing would be better cut from the roll to avoid unnecessary seams. For the sashing you will need to purchase fabric with at least a 42” width (off the roll) and will need a minimum of 1/2m in the Dark colour, the rest could be bought as fat quarters

Also the backing will need to be at least 42” wide x 3m of the same fabric, this will be pieced in 2 sections, although you could make your backing using large squares pieced together. I have used a cotton bed sheet, or even a large piece of fleece which adds warmth to the quilt (but do take care to check that the colours won’t bleed. I had a horrible experience where the red fleece ran in the wash and ruined a quilt I had taken over a year to make

To check your fabrics for colour fastness, cut a small piece and place some water into a white cup and drop the fabric in and push down to submerge, leave it overnight and check in the morning, if the water is clear then the fabric is ok to use.

All fabrics are 100% craft cotton of the same weight

Colour		Size 42” wide roll	Or Fat quarter qty
<b>Background (White)</b>	White/cream with small pattern or plain	1.75m	7
<b>Light (Grey)</b>	Pastel colour with small pattern or plain	1.25 m	5
<b>Medium (Maroon white small spot )</b>	Not dark or light small pattern	2 m	8
<b>Medium 2 (Lime green)</b>	Not dark or light small pattern Usually an accent colour	1.5 m	6
<b>Dark (Black marbled effect)</b>	Dark to black/navy/ dk green etc	2m or 1/2m roll & 6 FQ	1/2m roll & 6 fat qtrs.
<b>Dark 2 (Brown / gold /black pattern small)</b>	Dark to black with small pattern	1.50m	6
<b>Backing Cotton or brushed cotton</b>		3.5m	3.5m roll
<b>Bias Binding</b>	Match or contrast colour	6m	
<b>Bondaweb</b>		10”	
<b>Wadding 2oz - 54”</b>	n/a	3.5m	