

May 2023 Block of the Month – Home Circle

This month's Basic Block is **the Square in a Square**, sometimes called the economy block.

Our Block will be either 10 inch finished (10 ½" unfinished) or 12 inch Finished (12 ½" unfinished) depending on which set of instructions you follow.

The Home Circle block can also be called the Rolling Stone block. Below are pictures of both blocks – can you tell the difference?

Lisa's Block – the Home Circle:



Cherie's Block – the Rolling Stone



Lisa made hers' following instructions for the 10-inch block from Quilters Cache

<https://www.quilterscache.com/H/HomeCircleBlock.html> . Here are the cutting instructions:

- Colour 1 – Squares – one 9" square cut into 4 ½" squares (4). One strip 2 ½" x 10" AND a 2 ½" square
- Colour 2 – Background – One 2 ½" strip cut down into 16 squares of 2 ½" and one more strip 2 ½" x 10".

Next:

- Match up the 2 small strips and sew a scant ¼" on one side. Sub-cut into 4 pieces of 2 ½" by 4 ½".
- Use the 16 background squares to snowball the corners and make the square in a square units. Be sure to trim and have a 4 ½" size squared.
- Lay out as picture.

Cherie made her block using the instructions on her Square squared ruler from Studio 180 and measures 12-inches.

Here are the cutting instructions for her block:

- Colour 1 – Squares and bars – 4 squares that are 4 ¾", one square 4 ½" and 1 strip of 2 ½" by WOF
- Colour 2 – Background - 1 strip 2 ½", 8 squares of 3 ½"

Next:

- Sew the 2 strips together and sub-cut into 4 ½" pieces for the bar blocks.
- Cut the 8 background blocks in half and snowball on the 4 ¾" colour squares. These sizes are generous, so be sure to trim them down to the finished size of 4 ½"
- Lay out as pictured.