

LLQG BLOCK OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2017



Back to School (adapted from instructions for Napa Valley Quilters' 2005 BOM). Unfinished block measures 12 1/2"x12 1/2"; use 1/4" seams; press to the darker fabric. Questions – call Debbie Vivrette 707-339-0525.

Fabric Prep

From Off-White Tone-on-Tone (TOT) (Background)

<u>Cut</u>		<u>Label It</u>
3	2 1/2" squares	a
2	4 1/2" squares	b
2	3 1/2" squares	c
2	1 1/2"x7 1/2" strips	d
1	1 1/2"x12 1/2" strip	e

From Dark Red Print or Solid (Building)

<u>Cut</u>		<u>Label It</u>
6	1 1/2"x2 1/2" strips	1
1	3 1/2"x10 1/2" rectangle	2
1	1 1/2"x10 1/2" strip	3
2	1 1/2"x4 1/2" strips	4

From Black or Dark Brown (top roof and door)

<u>Cut</u>		<u>Label It</u>
1	2 1/2"x4 1/2" rectangle	A
1	2 1/2"x3 1/2" rectangle	B

Windows (from background fabric or "put someone in the window")

<u>Cut</u>		<u>Label It</u>
2	2 1/2" squares	W

Sew It is easier to assemble if you divide the block into sections (refer to diagram).

Section I

Draw diagonal line on the wrong side of two of the TOT (a)'s. Place right side down on the Black/Brown (A); sew on line, press and trim. Repeat. This is the roof.

Now sew Red (1)'s to each side of TOT (a) (this is the inside of the belltower).

Sew roof to belltower section.

Now add (b)'s to sides of the roof/belltower.

Add (e) to top of Section I.

Section II

Draw diagonal lines on wrong side of TOT (c)'s. Position right side down on either side of Red (2). Sew on lines, press and trim. Set aside.

Section III

Sew Red (1)'s to each side of (W) window. Add Red (4)'s to bottom of windows. Repeat.
Sew (B) door between the two window units.
Add Red (3) to top of the window/door unit.

Finish

Sew Section II to Section III. Add TOT (d)'s to sides.

Finish the block by attaching Section I/II and III.

Embellishment ideas – add a school bell, doorknob, toys, backpacks, bikes, lunchboxes, flagpole, etc. Try the block on a calendar quilt, or add some borders with pencils/books/school buses.....

