

BQ contemporary group challenge—Roll the Dice Challenge

This challenge will last about 6 weeks with you doing some sewing every week. There will not be a lot of sewing each week, except for the first week.

Week 1

Make 9 pieced blocks, each about 10" square or slightly larger, keeping in mind you will be cutting them up. Make 3 nine patch blocks, 3 square in a square blocks and 3 log cabin blocks.

The blocks can be pieced, appliqued, fused, painted, whatever you want. Fabrics can be plain, patterned, or painted. Choose a limited number of fabrics to make your blocks from. You will need some extra fabric for the random actions.

If you need help with colours, consider one of the following a colour schemes

- 3 of the same colour but in light, medium and dark values
- 3 triadic colours (form a triangle on the colour wheel, like blue, green and orange, or pink, orange and green, whatever). Make sure they are different values.
- 3 analogous colours like aqua blue purple or orange, yellow and light green. Again, make sure they are different values.

Week 2

By email, we will send you 3 of the random numbers below. Choose 3 of your 9 blocks to work on. You will perform those 3 actions on your chosen blocks. You could do the same action to each block, or 2 actions to 1 block, and no action to another block, etc.

If you don't like one of the chosen numbers, choose the number either above or below the chosen number. For example, if you are given 4 and don't like it for the three blocks you chose for this week, choose either 3 or 5 from the list below.

All random actions below use your chosen fabrics, unless stated otherwise.

1. Add a curve to a block
2. Make a cut from one edge to another and add an insert (doesn't have to be from opposite edges, or a straight line).
3. Add a border
4. Add a circle
5. Cut two blocks up and sew them back opposite (so half one and half the other or a $\frac{1}{4}$ one and $\frac{3}{4}$ the other – don't have to be straight lines)
6. Cut a bit off and replace with a fabric you haven't used yet (add a fabric from your stash)
7. Turn a block into a circle
8. Add two lines / insets
9. Add a half square triangle
10. Add a spotty or striped fabric
11. Add a contrasting colour in any way
12. Fold a block diagonally to form a triangle, cut off one of the folded corners and replace the cut out. This could involve using an inset seam.

Week 3, 4 and 5

Same as week 2.

Week 6

The final week of the challenge will be to sew it all together, possibly with a border or two. After that you will quilt it and hopefully that will happen by the end of 2021!!

Take a picture of your original 9 blocks and take a picture of each change you make.

Tess has set up a gallery on the website, so you can see everyone's progress. Please send a copy of your weekly photo to her. Preferably by WhatsApp or Messenger (or text), but email is also ok. (phone 0418134488, email tess-hines@hotmail.com).