

‘Anything Goes’ Block of the Month October 2021

Ready to get creative and have some fun? Keeping with this year’s guild theme of ‘anything goes’, here’s the BOM for October. Very few rules, just some guidelines...

Unfinished size: Most important guideline is regarding size.

Multiples of 4", plus ½" for assembly. Possible sizes are thus:

4-½" x 4-½"

4-½" x 8-½"

4-½" x 12-½"

8-½" x 8-½"

8-½" x 12-½"

12-½" x 12-½"

Using these sizes will result in blocks that can be easily assembled in a free form design.

Color: Second most important guideline is color. Stick to **RED, GREEN, BLACK, and WHITE.**

That way, when we collect and there’s a winner in November, they can put together a Christmas themed quilt. You can use prints as long as the predominant colors are red, green, black, and white (see the photo below).

Design: This is where the fun starts - ANYTHING GOES!

It’s fine to use your favorite pattern for a block, and if it’s not the right size, just add a frame to get it to the closest size (i.e. if you have a design that results in a 9-½" x 9-½" block, just add a fun frame around it to get it up to 12-½" x 12-½", and it doesn’t even have to be even on all sides - anything goes!)

Or maybe there’s a block you’d like to try out - here’s your perfect chance to try it and see how it comes together without the commitment of an entire quilt! (Maybe you’d like to try the Mudsoc Block - it comes out to 12-½" x 12-½")

Or maybe there’s a technique you’d like to try - like sewing simple curves, or making ‘string blocks’ from skinny strips. No excuses now - give it a try! Just make sure and trim to a block of the specified sizes above.

Or just start sewing those red, green, black, and white scraps together and then trim to the specified sizes above.

Note re Drawing Entry:

Since we’d like to encourage the bigger blocks to be made (i.e. 4-½" x 8-½" or 12-½", 8-½" x 8-½" or 12-½", and 12-½" x 12-½"), only these blocks will count 1 for 1 in the monthly drawing for

block winners. For the 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares - and we do need these - each set of 3 will be 1 entry for the drawing - and it's ok if some of these are as simple as half square triangles.

Here is a quilt made from 'Anything Goes' blocks in the red, green, black, and white color palette. Note the variety of block sizes, and styles (some traditional, some improv).



Have Fun! Anything goes!