## June 2021 Block of the Month Thread Spools



I found this pattern while searching quilt guild block of the month programs. The Orlando Modern Quilt Guild used this in October 2017. The original pattern came from a now inactive blog, Moose on the Porch Quilts.

$9.5^{\prime \prime} \times 12.5^{\prime \prime}$ (unfinished) block
Cutting instructions
Thread color
Skinny scraps (the same color family) at least 5.5 " wide (between $7-9$ is a good amount)

Background - Solid white (white white, not off white or cream)
2-2.5" x 8.5" rectangle
4-2.5" x 2.5 " squares
Spool ends - Gray or black (solid or tone on tone)
2-2.5" x 9.5" rectangle
Sewing instructions
Sew scraps (thread color) together to make a 5.5 " x 8.5 " rectangle
Easy method - Cut a sheet of thin paper 6X9. With a short stitch length, sew scraps to paper with flip and sew method until paper is filled. Trim to 5.5 " $\times 8.5$ ". Remove paper.


Sew solid white $2.5^{\prime \prime} \times 8.5^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles to each side of thread rectangle


On 2.5 " $\times 2.5$ " background squares mark a diagonal sewing line from corner to corner


Place marked square on ends of $2 . .5$ " x 9.5 " spool rectangle. Sew on lines, trim, flip, and press


Sew spool ends to thread rectangle


Sew TBQ website for a photo tutorial of this block

Grab some scraps in your favorite color and sew them together in strips until you can cut them into a $5.5^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $8.5^{\prime \prime}$ rectangle. I really liked the look of angling the fabrics a bit.


■ Sew a white $2.5^{\prime \prime} \times 8.5^{\prime \prime}$ rectangle along each side of your block like this:


- Now it's time to make the spool tops. Cut 2 pieces of fabric that read black or gray 2.5 " $\times 9.5^{\prime \prime}$ and snowball the corners, as shown with (4) 2.5 " squares:

- Lastly, you will sew your spool tops onto your colored rectangle so that it measures $9.5^{\prime \prime} \times 12.5^{\prime \prime}$ :


