

## Quilters' Bingo Blocks

We are going to have some fun playing Quilt Bingo on March 22, 2018. But to do that you need to start collecting and cutting 2 ½" squares in these various categories: batik, dot, floral, geometric, heart, leaf, metallic, holiday, novelty, paisley, plaid, solid, star, stripe or 1930's fabric. Please note: you can't have 2 of any category in the same column. You can have one red star and one blue star but not 2 red stars in a column! You will need 25 – 2 ½" squares to make your bingo card. If you have a lot of scraps, please cut extra squares, and bring them on February 15<sup>th</sup> to share with those that don't. You can make as many blocks as you like. After we've had our fun the blocks will be made into charity quilts. It is **very important** your unfinished block measures 10 ½"!

Materials for 1 (10 ½") card

- 5 – 2 ½" squares assorted yellow and orange fabrics
- 5 – 2 ½" squares assorted red fabrics
- 5 – 2 ½" squares assorted blue fabrics
- 5 – 2 ½" squares assorted green fabrics
- 4 – 2 ½" squares assorted pink and purple fabrics
- 1 – 2 ½" square black solid or print

Here are a few tips to making the perfect 10 ½" block.

1. Layout the columns - column 1 yellow/orange, column 2 red, column 3 pink/purple, column 4 blue and column 5 green.
2. Sew a scant ¼" seam. The block must finish 10 ½" or putting the blocks into a quilt will be difficult!
3. Pressing is important! Sew the 5 squares of the first column and press all the seams in one direction.
4. Sew the seams of the 2<sup>nd</sup> column and press in the opposite direction.
5. Repeat until all 5 rows are sewn.
6. Join the column of blocks so that the seams "nest" together
7. Press the completed block
8. Measure your block. Trim, if necessary, to 10 ½".
9. If block does not measure 10 ½" please correct the problem!