Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
May, 2019

All seams are ¼" allowance.

Original pattern by Anita Konzak Turley.



Transparency Jewel

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

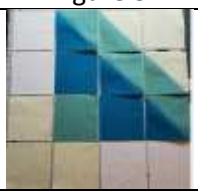
	Background – light (solid or print) - Cut one 3½" x 14" strip, subcut to four 3½" squares
	Dark Value - Cut one 4" x 8" strip, subcut to two 4" squares - Cut one 3½" x 7 strip, subcut to two 3½" squares
	Transparent Value - Cut one 4" x 12" strip, subcut to three 4" squares - Cut one 3½" x 3½" square
	Light Value - Cut one 4" x 4" square - Cut one 3½" x 14" strip, subcut to four 3½" squares

Transparency - it is using colors, blending them, and making a new color as if you had a transparent light piece over a darker piece, voila – 'transparent' color. It is almost – almost – spring, so the look of this block is intended to be lighter color variations. Solid colors are recommended (for now).

1) See Figure 1 for the blocks after cutting. Pair two of the transparent 4" x 4" squares with dark value squares, and then one of the transparent 4" x 4" squares with the light value square (Figure 2 shows pairings and diagonal mark). Mark a diagonal line and sew ¼" on either side of the line. Cut on the solid diagonal line to make a total of six (6) half square triangles (HST). Trim to 3 ½" each. Three of the dark/transparent HSTs and both light/transparent HSTs will be used (one extra dark/transparent HST will remain). Open and press to the dark side.

2) Layout fabric rows so there is no confusion of which transparency blocks go in what order (Figure 3). Ensuring each piece is 3½" square, layout and sew the rows in order, pressing all seams in each row one direction and then opposite in the next row (this will nest seams in each row. Once each row is sewn, sew the top two rows together and then the bottom two rows together. Finally, sew the top and the bottom block sets together. Press all row seams in one direction.

3) Trim blocks to finish at 12½" as needed (Figure 4). This block is intended to make a diamond from one intersection of four blocks and a cross from the opposite intersection of four blocks.

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4
			

Photos for color and other block inspiration!

