



This month's BOM, a Bookshelf quilt, is a great way to use a few of the scraps in your stash. You can have a shelf full of upright books, some books lying down or tipped to the side, a vase, a sleeping cat, or whatever strikes your fancy. Have fun with it! See the links below to view a helpful written tutorial and photos. Photos in this PDF are from Elizabeth Dacksons's "don't call me betsy" website (link below).

You will receive one BOM drawing ticket for each 6" block segment! 😊

Finished block size:

12" tall, with the width in increments of 6". Unfinished is 12.5" tall with the width $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than the finished width: 6.5", 12.5", 18.5", etc.

Fabric:

- Various colored fabric strips for the books ranging from 1" to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and at least 6" tall.
- Fabric scraps to make any decorative item(s) you want on your shelf.
- 1/4 yard length of **solid black background fabric** (not the white in the photos) or equivalent scraps for the shelf background. If you plan to have a decorative item in your block, allow for more background fabric; you may need as much as the full height of the shelf (12.5"), depending on your arrangement.

Cut and Arrange:

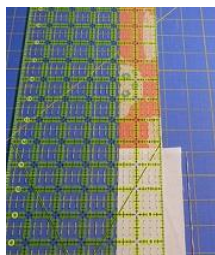
1. Cut enough colored book strips for the width you want your block(s) to be, (min block width of 6" and max of 24")
2. Trim your colored book strips to the sizes desired (6-10" tall and 1"-2.5" wide), plus seam allowances, and arrange them in a pleasing order.



3. Take a photo of your arrangement, so you can remember it later.

Sew:

1. Chain stitch one end of each of the *book* fabric strips to a 1/4 yard long cut of background fabric, placing them next to each other.
2. Cut apart each of the books and its attached background fabric, and press the seams toward the background fabric.



3. Place the books side-by-side as originally arranged (refer to your photo), with the bottoms of each book aligned.
4. Sew the books together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press the seams.



5. If you want to add a leaning book or some other object that requires background space around it, you'll need to surround it with extra fabric, angle it appropriately, trim (allowing for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances), and sew it to the main group of books.



6. When done, trim the excess background fabric so that your block measures 12.5" tall.



The "shelf" will be added to the bottom by the block winners when they assemble the blocks into a quilt so that they will all match.

To view instructions and illustrations of the Bookshelf quilt block and quilt design ideas, go to the following websites:

<https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/11/make-a-library-books-quilt-block/>

<http://www.dontcallmebetsy.com/2011/04/mini-bookshelf-quilt-tutorial.html>

To see lots of great examples of bookshelf quilts, do a search on *bookshelf quilt images*.

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