## MPQG BOTM

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## Random sticks



I apologize in advance to those of you who like precise instructions. This block is improv - try it, it's fun!

Cut one 13 " x 13 " square from a 'background' fabric
Cut $1^{\prime \prime} \times 17^{\prime \prime}$ strips from four different fabrics. You can use scraps from the other blocks or something new entirely. Use fabrics that contrast with the background. My photo has five inserts, not four as in these instructions.

Cut the block in two pieces, intersecting opposite sides. Whatever angle and placement appeals to you. Stay out of the outer inch of the block as we will need to trim. Insert one of the strips into the gap you created. Sew and press.


Turn the block and do it again


The third and fourth cut can be either opposite sides or adjacent sides. Do what looks good to you. If you have all the strips intersect in the same spot, you may have trouble pressing flat, as you will have a lot of fabric in one place. Insert the third strip. Ideally, the first two strips will align across the new insert. Press and repeat with the fourth strip. $\quad$ Third Cut


Trim the block to $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$

