

## January Block Lotto

This block for January, due at the February meeting, is a step into minimalism and improv. I have chosen to use a minimal pieced block with a minimal range of colors. The idea for this Block lotto was lifted from the Calgary Modern Quilt Guild page- [calagarymqg.blogspot.com](http://calagarymqg.blogspot.com), block lotto, May 2016. The block is from the [www.quilterstable.com](http://www.quilterstable.com) tutorial, "X Marks the Improv Block". A copy is attached.

**Size of block:** The tutorial has you make a 24.5" block from smaller blocks. We will make the smaller blocks.

Finished size: Height- 12.5" Width: Your choice: 4.5", 6.5", 8.5" or 12.5" You can return the blocks untrimmed.

**Color:** Please make body of block a **solid color** inspired by Pantone color of the year, Living Coral or colors around it on the color wheel- reddish orange, orange, yellow orange, yellow, lights and darks (analogous colors). The 1" strips can be more varied. Please use solid or solid like fabrics. Use yellows to oranges or spice it up with a bit of contrast. We want to keep the look Modern and minimal.

Note, the crosses do not have to be centered in the block. The blocks can be returned untrimmed.

To see a quilt made from these blocks, go to Calgary MQG blogspot, to their block lottos and to May 2016. Their quilt in varied blues is beautiful. I hope these sunny colors will work as well. I would also like to tell you about another blog that is useful to build on ideas for improvisation- Stitched in color. There are two posts that are relevant to this project- "Magic Numbers for Patchwork" and "Improv Block cross tutorial".

Please feel free to contact me. Lishe and I also welcome input on future block lottos. - Gail [gssevilla@gmail.com](mailto:gssevilla@gmail.com)

## Resources:

<http://aquilterstable.blogspot.com/> Look under Tutorials, X Marks the Improv.

<https://calgarymqg.blogspot.com/p/swaps-and-ch.html> Look under Block Lottos, May 2016 to see completed quilt

<https://www.stitchedincolor.com/blog/> Magic Numbers for Patchwork and Improv Block cross tutorial and much more

<https://www.pantone.com/color-intelligence/color-of-the-year/color-of-the-year-2019> See Living Coral in color, remember monitors vary in color reproduction