

## Block Party for August

Every year in August I hope for the appearance of a Perseid meteor shower. This year we are using the Perseids as inspiration for using Ruby McKim's Milky Way block from her 1931 book. Instead of making it in blue and gold we think it would make a spectacular quilt in black and white.

### Materials Needed

The black and white should be prints that are predominantly black or white. Try not to use values that are too much in the medium range as they will be less effective. I also used a different white for the strip piece (for the 4 patches) but you can use one white for all. And this would be a good opportunity where for the half square triangles below you cut the squares 4" instead of the listed 3 7/8" and trim to 3 1/2" after sewing.

Black: One strip 36" x 2", Six 3 7/8" squares, Two 3 1/2" squares.

White: Use the same measurements as the blacks.

### Instructions

This block has a lot of seams. Please press carefully at every step. Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the six white 3 7/8" squares. Put them face to face with the six black squares. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line and cut on the line. You now have 12 half square triangle blocks. Now sew together the two 36" long strips and trim into 18 2" pieces. Now re sew these into 4 patch squares. The four patches and the half square triangle blocks are turned in various ways throughout the block. Study the sample and construct the rows carefully row by row. Your block should be 15 1/2".



To participate, make the block described, bring it to the next meeting, post your block(s) on the design board, and place your name (one for each block you bring) into the pot. The winner of the drawing will take home all the blocks.

Pam Coen and Donna Prime and a special thank you to Sharon Frieson and Karel Peel for helping at our booth every month.