

September 2026 BOM | It's A Paw

Hard to believe after completing three years of BOM, I haven't done a Bear Paw block!! As you will see, I have veered from the traditional four-paws-sashed-out version that is typical because I came across a version that I think works better for a BOM, and doesn't require a ton of piecing! Of course the winner can do what she wants...but this was the inspiration, from Designed to Quilt, that I saw on Pinterest. I did not use her pattern since this is a traditional block, and I did the 'math' on my own.



Rules, using 1/4" seams:

- Paw Colors: Bright and Medium/Dark. You will need 3 fabrics.
- Background: Low Volume Light—think white, light gray, pale colors.
- When the block is completed you will have a 12-1/2" square block...**DO NOT TRIM!**



Cut (2) 5" squares from two of the prints and (1) 8-1/2" square from the third print.

From the background fabric cut (2) 5" squares and (1) 4-1/2" square. You will be making **"two at a time"** half square triangles (HST) with the 5" squares. Here's a [visual how-to](#) in case you need a reference.



Piece each of the 5" prints with a 5" BG fabric to create a total of 4 HSTs. Arrange according to the photo.

Your HSTs will be ~4-5/8". SQUARE TO 4-1/2" USING WHICHEVER TOOL YOU LIKE BEST!

Sew the HSTs in the top row together. Sew the side HSTs together. Press seams open.

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Piece the 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ " BG square to the HSTs on the TOP row; press to the right.

Piece the side HSTs to the 8- $\frac{1}{2}$ " square; press to the left.

Piece the top to the bottom; your seams should nest.



You will have a 12- $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished square block!!

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