

**August 9, 2025 is a holiday named Book Lovers Day!
Therefore, we will be making blocks that look like books!**

This is for **all** quilting levels and a great way to use up scraps.

Start with a fun strips of fabric, any width you would like, to be the spine of your book. Sew a very **dark black** piece of fabric on top of the book the same width as your strip. Strip should be at least 10 1/2" tall after sewn together. Make a few more, of different heights and widths since books are different heights and widths, unless making a matching set like encyclopedias. Sew them together along the long side seams with the **bottom** of the color strips (books) being aligned (or later cut to the same length.) When all the books you want are added the block needs to be **at least** a 10 1/2" X 10 1/2" unfinished.

Another way is to turn the books on their backs and put the black background on top and bottom of spine, horizontal, to stack books on top of each other from the bottom up.

Please no 3D items attached on this project such as buttons, bows, etc.

Winner of drawing can square them up to be exactly 10 1/2" X 10 1/2".

This is a great time to try new things!

Embroidery, by hand or machine, put the title on the spine of the book BEFORE cutting the strip to size you want.

Embroider neat symbols depicting what the book is about.

Paper piecing

Fabric painting

Appliqué an item on the shelf or on some books.

Decorative stitches on your sewing machine for unique designs.

For a row of matching books use one color for the bottom larger part of the spine. Sew another much smaller piece above that. Sew the original color again, not as big, for the top section, then add the darkest black on top of that, unless the books go to the top. Cut into pieces, then sew together for your 10.5"X10.5" quilt block.

Go to: **fandominstitches.com**

Click on **Bookcase Quilts** and scroll down to

Just The Books! and scroll down again for bookcase block ideas

Try some **very simple paper piecing**.

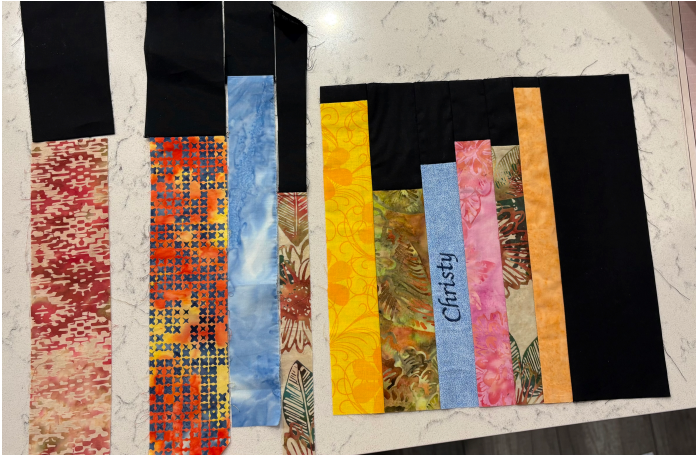
Try books in different positions ie: leaning, open with a bookmark, add jars, or other items, on the shelf next to the books! **Whatever!**

Beware: Once you start making these blocks you might not be able to stop!

The one who ends up with the Block of the Month drawing will sash and border them with their favorite bookcase color and have a marvelous bookcase quilt of their very own. Fandominstitches.com also has bookcase leg and top ideas.

Most of all...have fun!

Sewingly yours,
Derrilyn Harbeston



1. Not sew yet
2. Adjusting size
3. Sewn together



Try appliqué, thread painting, or trapunto (puffy appliqué), anything, or method, you want to try!

Have book loads of fun!