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# WALLY WHALE

**WALLY** and his sister **WANDA WHALE** are spouting with enthusiasm, not just for turning the calendar page over to 2021, but for January's block of the month! Seventh in our series, this little whale offers the opportunity for a personal touch on finishing. Add a spout of water or bubbles with the templates here or create your own look! ~Robin Engleman & Joy West

## Fabrics & Cutting - Number the cut pieces with pins or stickers for easy reference.



### Background: Contrast to Whale

- 1 6 1/2" w x 5" h
- 2 6 1/2" w x 7" h
- 3 Cut two: 2 1/2" squares (Draw a diagonal sewing line on each of the squares from corner to corner.)
- 4 Cut two: 1 1/2" squares (Draw diagonal lines)
- 5 3" x 6"
- 6 2" x 3 1/2"
- 7 3 1/2" Square (Draw a diagonal line)
- 8 Cut three: 2" squares (Draw diagonal lines)

### Whale: Contrast to background

- 9 Cut two: 3 1/2" w x 2 1/2" h
- 10 1 1/2" w x 3 1/2" h
- 11 7 1/2" w x 6" h
- 12 2" square (Draw a diagonal line)
- 13 3" square

## Sewing instructions

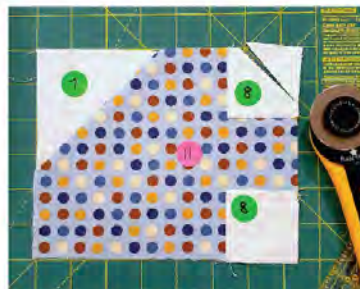
All seam allowances are 1/4".

### STEP 1: Whale Main Body

- Place the whale #11 fabric horizontally and sew the background square #7 to the top left corner, trim and press back. (fig. 1)
- Sew a #8 background to both the top and bottom corners of the right hand side. Trim and press back. (fig. 2)
- Sew the third #8 background to the bottom left corner of whale #13, trim and press back. (fig. 3)



(fig. 1)



(fig. 2)



(fig. 3)

### STEP 2: Whale Tail

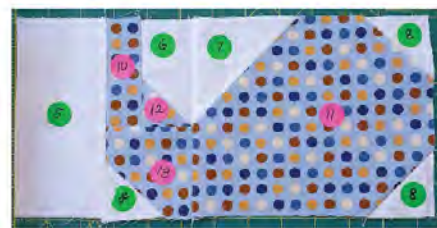
- Orient background #6 vertically and sew the whale square #12 to the lower left corner (fig. 4), trim and press back.
- Sew whale #10 to the left side of the previous piece (#'s 6-12). (fig. 5)
- Sew the tail units together as shown and then sew to the head portion of the whale.
- Sew background #5 to the left side of the whale to complete the bottom half of the block. (fig. 6)



(fig. 4)



(fig. 5)



(fig. 6)

### STEP 3: Whale Flukes and Background

- Place the #9 whale pieces horizontally and sew #3 background to the bottom left and a #4 background to the top right of one, and do the opposite for the other. Place the other #3 background to the bottom right and #4 background to the top left. Trim and press back all the background squares. (fig. 7)
- Join the two flukes together matching the points of the two #4 pieces. (fig. 8)
- Assemble the remaining pieces. Sew the #1 background piece to the flukes, and then sew that to the #2 background piece.
- Join the top to the bottom!
- Use templates on the next page to add a spout or bubbles to your block.



(fig. 7)



(fig. 8)



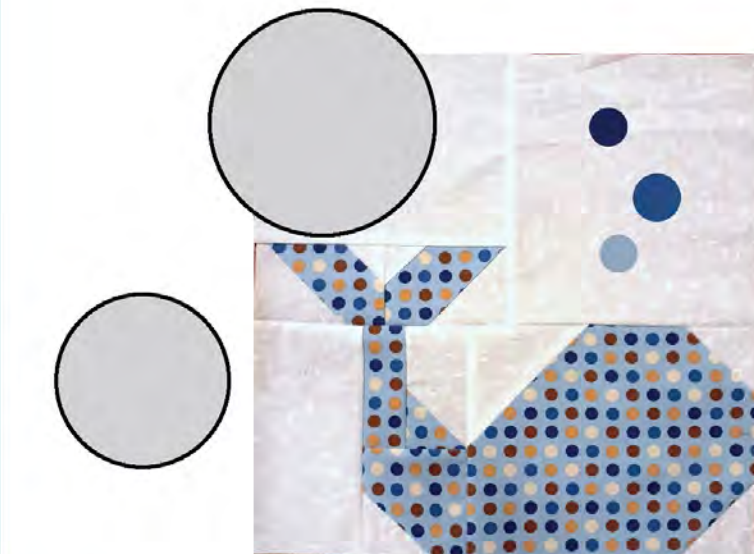
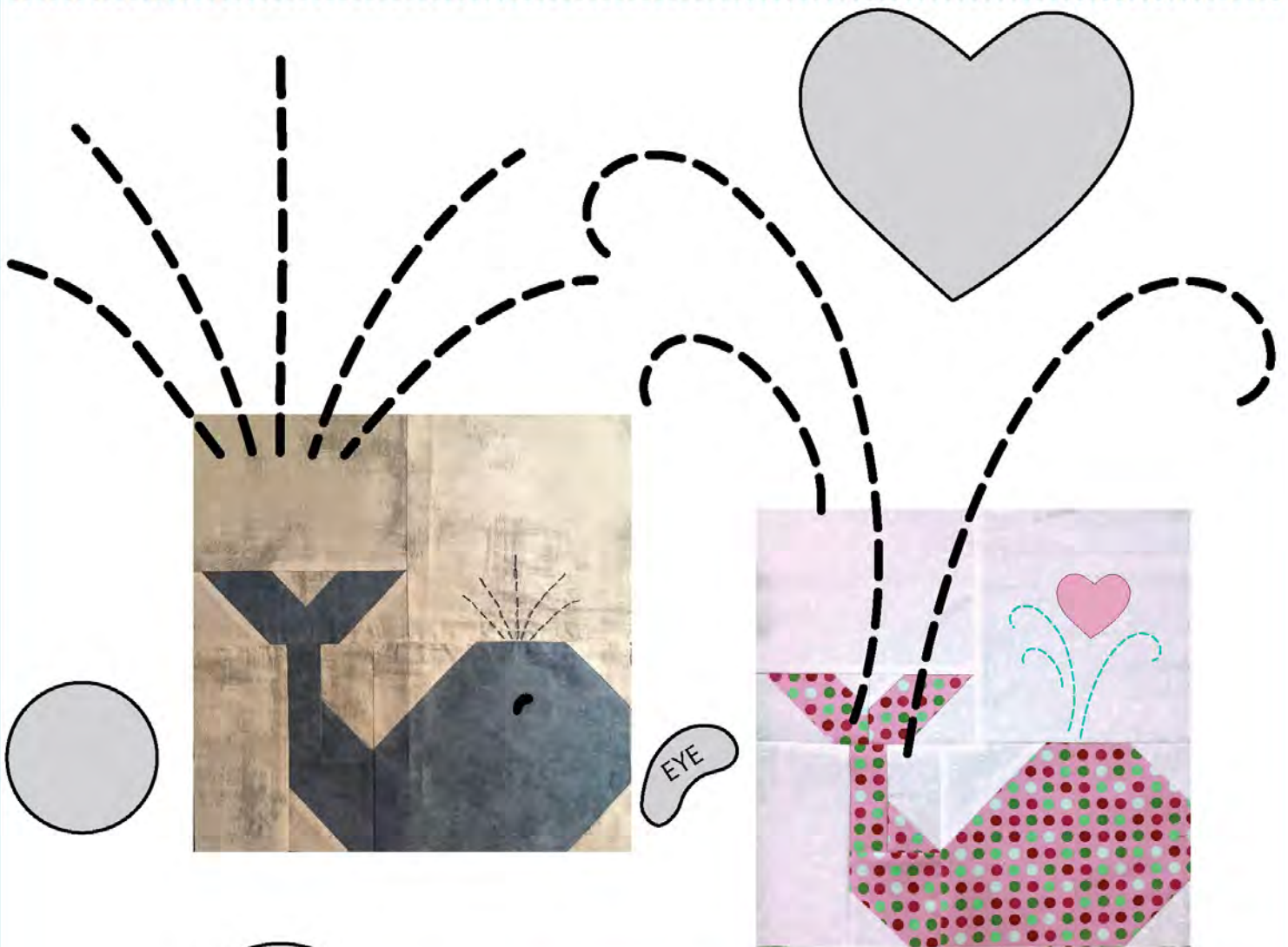
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TEMPLATES

Embellish the top half of the **WALLY WHALE** or **WANDA WHALE** block using the templates below or create your own look. Use embroidery, applique, fabric paints or a combination of techniques to finish your block.



## Post your block to our Facebook page!

Join our BQG Block of the Month Group (<https://tinyurl.com/y99wbfgy>) where you can share your block and enter the on-line lottery to win this month's collection of blocks!



To enter the drawing, post your completed BOM by 10 am before our Guild Meeting, the third Saturday of the month. Each completed block gives you a chance to win. A name will be pulled live during the meeting. Everyone will privately mail their block/s to the winner.

**Please post your block even if you wish to keep it! Just note that it is not for the contest.**

Not on Facebook? You can still participate!  
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