

# 3 D Blocks

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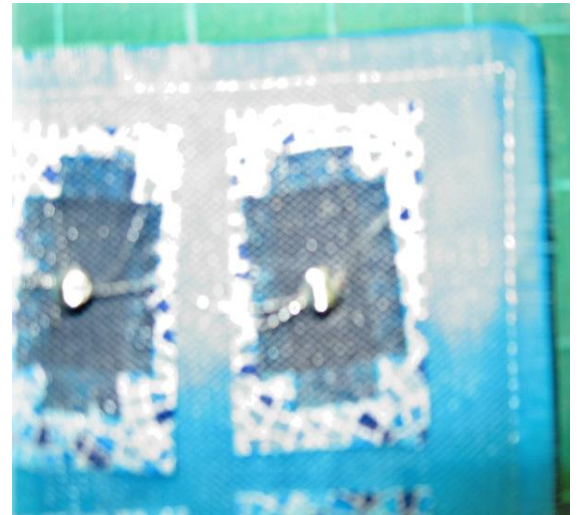
## Frayed Textures

### Required Items

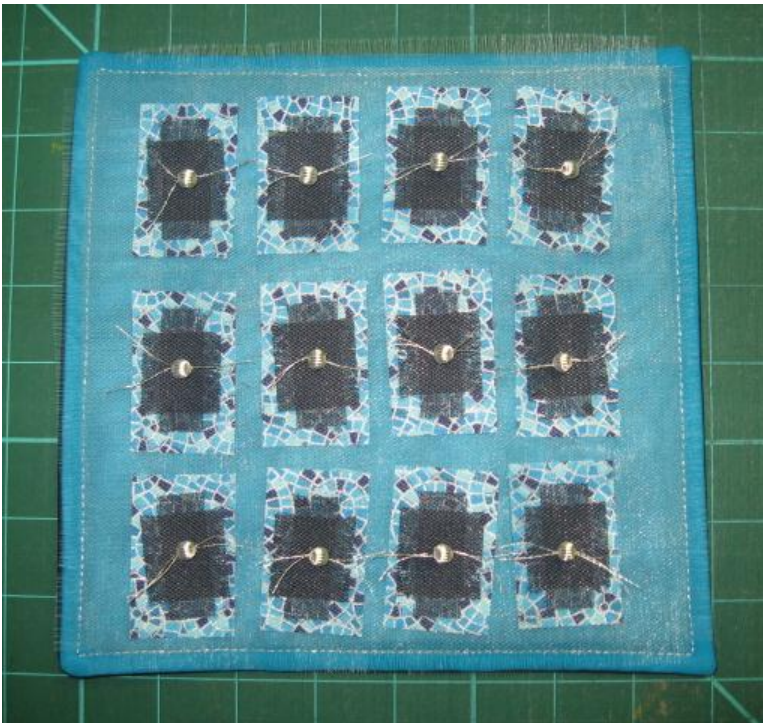
- ★ Medium fabric for background – 8 ½ “ square
- ★ 8” square of organza
- ★ 2” strip of medium – dark print
- ★ 1 ½ “ strip of contrasting fabric
- ★ 7” square of fine netting
- ★ 12 small buttons or beads & decorative thread or floss
- ★ Scrap of thin batting & backing fabric

### Instructions

- ★ Use 8 ½ “ background square as a base
- ★ Overlay with an 8” square of organza – fray the edges for ½” by pulling threads away for desired effect
- ★ Using 2” strip cut 12 - 1 ¼ “ rectangles (2” x 1 ½”)
  - ★ Arrange the 12 rectangles evenly on organza
- ★ Using 1 ½ “ strip cut 12 - 1” rectangles – fray the 4 sides by pulling threads away (1 ½ “ x 1”)
- ★ Centre frayed rectangles on previous 12 rectangles to create a layered effect
- ★ Lay 7” square of fine netting on top being careful not to disturb earlier layers – secure each of the 12 layered rectangles with pins
- ★ Tie the rectangles, netting and organza to background using small buttons or beads and decorative thread or floss. Snip ends to about ½ “.
- ★ Customize frayed edges as desired to achieve a pleasing effect.
- ★ Lay block on an 8 ½ “ scrap of thin batting
  - ★ Cut 2 – 6 ½ x 8 ½ pieces of dark fabric for backing. Press ½ “ over on one long edge of each piece. Fold again and press to create a finished hem, stitch. Centre the 2 pieces on top of the block, the pieces will overlap like a slip



cover for a cushion. Pin on the sides. Trim the top and bottom fabric on block to even it out with backing. Pin top and bottom to secure overlap. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam all the way around. Trim corners to reduce bulk. Turn block right side out. Poke corners square with a corner tool or poking tool. Press block to ensure edges are crisp and line up. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge with desired thread.



Finished block by SK Baldry



Finished block by Shirley Feldman

**Finished Block  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ "**

**Original concept from Christie Davidson 2011**