## BITS

## March 2015 | Block of the Month Coastal Quilters Guild

This fun modern block is based on the Binary design by Angela Pingel. There are many ways to use this design.

## FABRICS

Background: Kona ash (grey) background - provided at February meeting
Bits: Prints or solids in turquoise, lime green, purple, black, and/or white. You won't use all five colors, but please use four different fabrics in the block.

## CUTTING

## Grey fabric:

Cut 2 strips $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
Cut 1 strip $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
Cut 8 strips $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
Cut 2 squares $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$

## Bits fabrics:

Cut 1 square $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ and 1 rectangle $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} x$ 2-1/2" from each color.

## CONSTRUCTION

Use 1/4" seam allowances.

1. Using the block photo as a guide, arrange the $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ grey and colored rectangles and the $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ grey and colored squares into two columns. Be sure the columns begin and end with a $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ grey rectangle.
2. With the right sides together, sew the colored pieces to the grey pieces along the $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ edges to create two columns $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Press seams open.
3. Sew a pieced column to either side of the $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ $x$ 12-1/2" strip. Press seams toward the grey strip.
4. Add a $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ grey strip to either side of the unit from Step 3. Press toward grey strips.
5. Trim the block to $12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 12-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
