

Comparing the original BlockBase and BlockBase+

Read below to understand the differences between the original BlockBase software released in 1996 versus the BlockBase+ software released in 2021.

Feature	BlockBase (1996)	BlockBase+ (2021)
Stand-alone software	Yes	Yes
Computer platform	Windows	Windows and Mac
Media type	CD	Download
Internet activation required	No	Yes
Includes all blocks from Brackman's Encyclopedia	No	Yes
Number of blocks	3917	4264
Blocks link to EQ software	Yes	Yes
Creates project file	Yes	No
Ability to save favorite blocks	No	Yes
View blocks in grayscale and color	Yes	Yes and also line drawings
View block info	Need to view multiple notecards per block	All info available in one place
View block in large view	Yes	Yes
View block in quilt layout	Shown in one quilt layout	Shown in multiple quilt layouts
Search by Brackman ID	Yes	Yes
Search by Published Name	Yes	Yes
Search by Source	Yes	Yes
Search by Category	One category at a time	Multiple categories at a time
Find blocks similar to search results	Yes	Yes
Aspect preserving when resizing	No	Yes
Print Block	Yes	Yes
Print block mirrored	No	Yes
Print Foundation	Yes	Yes, with enhancements*
Print Rotary Cutting	Yes	Yes, with enhancements**
Print Template	Yes	Yes, with enhancements***

Option to print directly to PDF	No	Yes
Print preview options	Zoom only	New and improved zoom features
Rotate, delete, copy, paste in Print Preview	No	Yes
Add and remove pages in Print Preview for easy customization	No	Yes
Add a 1" scale square to Templates and Foundation	No	Yes
Export Bitmap and Metafile	Yes	No
Export JPG and PNG	No	Yes
Export SVG for block and templates	No	Yes

* Foundation Printing Improvements

- Creates multi-section foundations
- Ability to resection, renumber and designate piecing order
- Options for dashed or solid seam allowance
- Optional key block
- Mirroring
- In color or grayscale

** Rotary Cutting Improvements

- Options for detailed or summary printout
- Calculates for multiple blocks
- Calculates based on width of fabric desired
- Includes number of strips to cut

*** Print Template Improvements

- Prints unique templates only or all templates
- Mirroring option for templates and key block separately
- Options for dashed or solid seam allowance