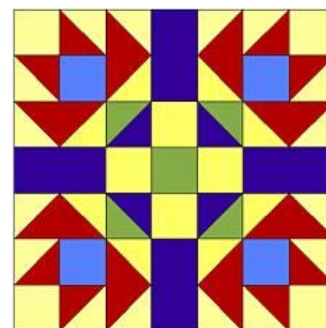


## The Twelfth Block: Bucking Bronco



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The name Bucking Bronco rather fits this wild block, don't you think? As I started to cut the pieces for this block, I saw a way to redraft it and reduce the number of pieces (and seams!), so now it only has 65 pieces instead of 73.

Whew! The many seams does make this block a bit challenging when it comes to deciding which way to press the seams. If you like to press your seams open, you won't need to worry about it. In other ways, this block makes a great final block because it reviews so many of the techniques we've been using throughout this BOM: half-square triangle units, flying geese units, 4-patch units and the Bear Paw method of assembling the block. So, take a deep breath, relax, focus on one step at a time and you'll have this block completed before you know it!

You can make a hundred thousand dozen of these blocks to make quilts, table runners, tote bags, aprons, etc. And you can draw them in your Electric Quilt or Quilt Pro software for your personal use only - just give me credit as the designer (for example, The Cowboy Block designed by Sandy Harris, 2010.) But by law you can't publish my designs or market them as a pattern (for free or \$\$) without my permission.

### Cutting Requirements

Color & amount	7" block	14" block	21" block
Color A (very light)			
12	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
4	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"
Color B (light)			
12	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
Color C (medium)			
4	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
Color D (medium)			
1	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	3.5" x 3.5"
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"
Color E (dark)			
8	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	3.5" x 6.5"
4	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"
Color F (very dark)			
4	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	3.5" x 6.5"
2	2" x 2"	3" x 3"	4" x 4"

### Directions for Assembling the Block

(scroll down for links to pdf files)

#### Step 1: Preliminary Marking

Draw diagonal lines on the back sides of the following:

- 8 small color A squares
- 4 larger color A squares
- 8 color B squares
- 2 larger color D squares

Note:

Photos below were taken before pieces were pressed, so some look a bit wonky!

## Step 2: Half-Square Triangle Units

Match the 4 larger color A squares with same size color E squares, right sides together. Sew 1/4 inch from drawn line on each side of line. Cut apart on draw line.

Match the 2 larger size color D squares with same size color F squares, right sides together. Sew 1/4 inch from drawn line on each side of line. Cut apart on drawn line.

Press seams on all units toward the darker color.

Trim to size needed (same as the smallest squares in the cutting chart for your block size).



Make 8 color A/E combos and 4 color D/F combos.

## Step 3: 4-Patch Units

A) Using the 8 color A/E HST units, sew 4 to color C squares and 4 to color A squares as shown at right.

Press seams toward the squares.

B) Sew one of each color combo together to make 4-patch units.

Press seams toward the side with the color C square.

Trim if needed.



Make 4 of each color combo.



Make 4.

## Step 4: Flying Geese Units

Here's another way to do these units so that you end up with half of them being mirror images of the other half:

A) Referring to photo, place 4 color A squares (the ones with lines drawn on the back) on 4 color E rectangles so that the lines point to top left. Place 4 color B squares (the ones with lines drawn on the back) on the other 4 color E rectangles, lines pointing the same way.

Sew on the diagonal lines. Trim 1/4 inch from



A)

Make 4 of color A and 4 of color B.

Sorry - my color A and B look much the same on the back side of the fabric.

stitching line. Press seams toward triangles.

B) Referring to photo, place remaining color A and B squares on opposite end of rectangles using different color than used before (color A with color B). Sew on diagonal line. Trim 1/4 inch from stitching. Press seams toward triangles.



B) Make 4 of each color combo.



Completed Flying Geese Units - 4 of each needed.

### Step 5: Paw Units

A) Referring to photo, sew Flying Geese units to one side of 4-Patch units. Make sure color B triangle is near color C square.

Press seam toward Flying Geese unit.



Make 4.

B) Referring to photo for placement, sew color D/F HST units to remaining Flying Geese units. Make sure color D triangle is next to color B triangle and that together they do **not** make a pyramid.

(Check my blog to see what can happen if you don't double-check!)

Press seam toward Flying Geese unit.



Make 4.

C) Sew the 5b units to the 5a units.

Press seam toward thr 4-Patch.



Make 4.

### Step 6: Sashing Strips

Sew the remaining small color B squares to the color F rectangles.

Press seams toward color B.



Make 4.

Step 7:

Referring to the photo, sew sashing strips to 2 of the Paw units.

Press seam toward the sashing unit.



Make 2.

Step 8:

Sew remaining Paw units to units made in Step 7.

Press seam toward sashing unit.



Make 2.

The top and bottom rows are now finished.

Step 9: Center Sashing Strip

A) Sew color D square to color B end of one sashing strip.

Press seam toward color B.

B) Sew the remaining sashing strip to color D of the unit from step A.

Press seam toward color B.



Make 1.



Make 1.

Step 10:

Sew the center sashing strip to the top row.



Step 11:

Sew the bottom row to the center sashing strip.

Press newest seams toward center sashing strip.

Press finished block and trim to square if needed.



Hmm, maybe I'll try it with a red center next time.