

## The Ninth Block: Old Fashioned Quilt

This month's block is very similar to last month's Pink Magnolia block, but assembling it is a little easier because we don't have quite so many seams to fuss with. Once again, I used all six of my chosen colors. The more traditional coloring uses just three colors. This block also looks good with four or five colors. Play with it and decide which colorway you like best.

### 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)      |             |             |             |
| 4                    | 1.5" x 3.5" | 2.5" x 6.5" | 3.5" x 9.5" |
| Color C (medium)     |             |             |             |
| 4                    | 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 D (medium)     |             |             |             |
| 4                    | 1.5" x 1.5" | 2.5" x 2.5" | 3.5" x 3.5" |
| Color E (dark)       |             |             |             |
| 8                    | 1.5" x 2.5" | 2.5" x 4.5" | 3.5" x 6.5" |
| Color F (very dark)  |             |             |             |
| 1                    | 1.5" x 1.5" | 2.5" x 2.5" | 3.5" x 3.5" |

### Directions for Assembling the Block

#### Step 1: Half-Square Triangles Units

With the large color A and C squares, use your favorite method to make 8 half-square triangle units. Press seams toward color C. Make 8.



#### Step 2:

Sew a small color A square to 4 HST units as shown at right.

Press seams toward the color A square.

Make 4.



**Step 3:**

Sew a small color C square to the remaining 4 HST units as shown at right.

Press seams toward the color C square.

Make 4.



**Step 4:**

Sew a step 2 unit to a step 3 unit to make a 4-patch unit as shown at right. Repeat to make four 4-patch units.

Press seams toward the side with the color C square. Make 4 of each



**Step 5: Arrow Point Units**

a) Draw a diagonal line on the back side of the remaining 8 small color A squares. (Optional: If making 14" or 21" blocks, you can make bonus HST unit by drawing another line 1/2" from the first - sew on this line after sewing on the first line.)



b) Place the color A squares on the color E rectangles - 4 should have the diagonal sloping downhill from left to right and 4 should slope uphill from left to right. Sew on the diagonal line. (Sew on 2nd line next if making bonus HST units for a scrappy project.)



c) Cut 1/4 inch from stitched line. Press seams toward color A.

Make 4 in each direction.



**Step 6:**

Sew the color D squares to the "uphill" arrow point units.

Press seams toward the color D square.

Make 4.



Step 7:  
Sew the "downhill" arrow point units to the 4-patch units.  
Press seams toward the arrow point unit.  
Make 4.



Step 8:  
Sew the step 6 units to the step 7 units.  
Press seams toward the arrow point units.  
Make 4.



You have now completed the four "paw" units.

Step 9:  
Lay your 4 "paw" units on a flat surface in the positions they will go in the finished block.  
Sew a color B strip to the right side of the two "paw" units that are on the left side of the block. Press seams toward color B strips.  
Make 2.



Step 10:  
Sew the "paw" units for the right side of the block to the color B strip of their respective left side counterparts. Press seams toward color B strips.  
Make 2.



Step 11:

a) Sew the color F square to a color B strip as shown. Press seam toward color B.

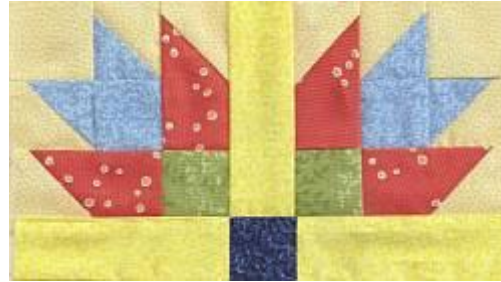


b) Sew remaining color B strip to color F square to make the center row. Press seam toward color B. Make 1.



Step 12:

Sew the center row to the top row. Press seam toward center row. Make 1.



Step 13:

Sew bottom row to center row. Press seam toward center row.

Press finished block and trim to square if necessary.

