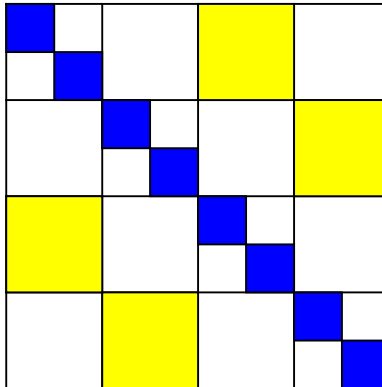


Block of the Month - April 2003

Carrie Nation



Description:

The Carrie Nation block is named after the famous 19th century Prohibitionist Carrie Nation. This block is made from squares and four patches. This block may be pieced by cutting the individual squares, or by strip piecing.

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Color A: Focus Fabric, one strip 15" long by 4" wide
Color B: Coordinating Fabric, one strip 18" long by 3" wide
Color C: Background Fabric, one strip 44" long by 4" wide
Background Fabric, one strip 18" long by 3" wide

Color Placement:

In the diagram shown above the color placement is as follows:

White - Background fabric
Yellow - Focus Print
Blue - Coordinating fabric to the Focus Print

Cutting and Piecing:

1. From the background fabric cut 1 strip 2" wide and 8 - 3.5" squares.
2. From the focus print fabric cut 4 - 3.5" squares.
3. From the coordinating fabric cut 1 strip - 2" wide
4. Sew the strip of background fabric to the strip of coordinating fabric and press the seam to one side. Press the seams towards the darker fabric.
5. Cut 8 2" wide sections from the strip set you sewed together in step 4.
6. Sew these sections together in sets of two, making sure to reverse the direction of the colors as shown in the diagram above.
7. Sew the individual rows in the block together as shown in the diagram above.
8. Sew the four rows together, being sure to alternate direction of the seams for better fit. Press the seams flat and your block is done. **Note:** Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together. Close attention must be paid attention to stitching your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, because any differences (over or under) on your seams will cause the block to finish out at an incorrect size, thereby causing problems when putting together the finished quilt.

Skills to Learn & Reinforce:

Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
Strip Piecing