

Nassawango Outdoor Quilt Show - September 19 and 20, 2009

Quilters - Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends

Block of the Month - February

Number 3 - Mother's Fancy

The traditional block uses 3 fabrics and a background fabric.

Background - cut four 2" squares
cut four 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles
cut two width-of-fabric strips 1 1/2" wide
cut two 1 1/2" x 8" rectangles

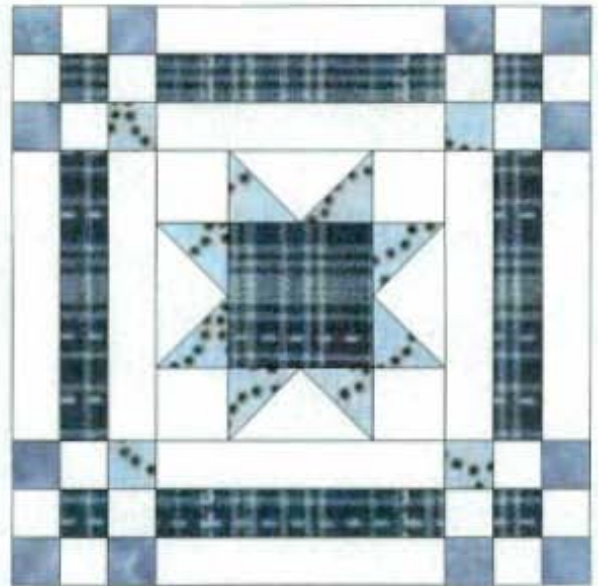
Fabric A (plaid) - cut one width-of-fabric strip 1 1/2" wide
cut one 3 1/2" square

Fabric B (mottled gray) - cut three 1 1/2" x 8" rectangles

Fabric C (circle dots) - cut one 1 1/2" x 8" rectangle
cut eight 2" squares

Center

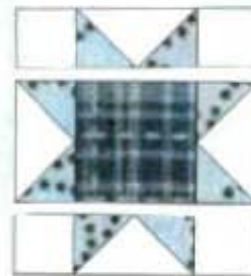
Flying Geese - Using Method 1 make 4 flying geese using the Background 2" X 3 1/2" rectangles and the Fabric C squares. If you choose to use Method 2, the finished geese should measure 1 1/2" x 3."



Rows 1 and 3 - Sew a 2" Background square to each end of a flying goose. Make 2.

Row 2 - Sew a flying goose to each side of the Fabric A 3 1/2" square.

To assemble segment - Sew the three rows together as illustrated.



Border

Sides - Sew a Background 1 1/2" strip to each side of the Fabric A 1 1/2" strip. Press toward Fabric A. Cut into 4 segments 6 1/2" long and 4 segments 1 1/2" long.

9-patch corners - Sew a Fabric B 1 1/2" x 8" piece to each side of a Background 1 1/2" x 8" piece. Press toward Fabric B. Cut into four 1 1/2" segments. Sew a Fabric B piece to one side of the last Background 1 1/2" x 8" piece and the remaining Fabric C piece to the other side. Press toward the Fabric B and C. Cut into four 1 1/2" segments.

Following the illustration for placement and orientation, sew the four 9-patch blocks together. Press away from the center row. Make 4. Sew a Background/Fabric A/Background 6 1/2" segment to each side of the Star Center. Press away from the Star. Sew a 9-patch block to each end of a Background/Fabric A/Background 6 1/2" segment. Press away from the 9-patch. Make 2. Sew the three rows together.

This block was published prior to 1895 in *Diagrams of Quilt, Sofa and Pin Cushion Patterns* by the Ladies Art Company. The St. Louis based company went out of business in 1970. Other names are Mother's Fancy Star and Evening Star.