



MARCH 2010 BLOCK A MONTH GRANNY'S FLOWER GARDEN

This makes a 14" block!!!! Another of Grandmother's Flower Garden, but this time, strip-pieced!!!!

Fabric and Cutting: (Note: both the focus fabric and the background fabric require less than two strips of selvage to selvage fabric or a portion of a fat quarter - big block, small amount of fabric!)

Center square of flower – yellow or yellow gold small print or solid
--one 2-1/2" square

Focus fabric (body of "flower") - any 30's print in color of your choice
(use same fabric for all flower strips)

--two 2-1/2" squares
--four 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips
--two 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips

Background – unbleached muslin

--four 2-1/2" squares
--four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" strips
--four 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips

Sewing:

The block is comprised of seven vertical strips as shown in the above sample. Viewing the sample from left to right and numbering the rows 1 through 7:

Rows 1 & 7 – Sew a 6-1/2" background strip to opposite sides of one 2-1/2" focus fabric square; press toward the focus fabric

Rows 2 & 6 - Sew a 4-1/2" background strip to each end of one 6-1/2" focus fabric strip; press toward the focus fabric

Rows 3 & 5 - Sew a 2-1/2" background fabric square to each end of one 10-1/2" focus fabric strip; press toward the focus fabric

Row 4 - Sew a 6-1/2" focus fabric strip to opposite sides of the 2-1/2" center square; press toward the center square

All strips should measure 14-1/2"

Sew the vertical rows 1 through 7 together as shown. It's easier to sew rows 1, 2 and 3 together and then sew rows 5, 6 and 7 together and then join those to each side of the center strip. Press all seams away from the center strip. Your finished block should measure 14-1/2" square.