

Santa Rosa Quilt Guild February Block of the Month Due March 7, 2013



"Adele's Garden"

As we anticipate spring, much of this charming block is pieced with Flying Geese (FG) and/or Half-Square Triangles (HST). You may want to use florals, batiks, or 30's ... whatever makes you think of spring. The center block can be fussy cut, applique or just the background.

Makes a 12-1/2" unfinished block. Sew all seams a scant 1/4". Press to dark when possible.

While *these instructions are for one color plus the background* (upper left), you may want to mix the pattern up with one color of FG next to the center, and a different color FG on the outside, matching the HST's (upper right). The 4 patch can even be a third color ... whatever inspires you. See examples above.

Fabric:

Fabric #1 - white tone on tone

Fabric #2 - medium floral, batik or 30's in spring tones*

Cutting the Fabric:

From fabric #1:

- 1. Cut one strip 1-3/4" wide by 13"
- 2. Cut 1 4-1/2" square.
- 3. Cut 4 2-1/2" squares.
- Cut fabric for FG and HST's according to your preferred method. **

From fabric #2:

- 1. Cut one strip 1-3/4" wide by 13"
- Cut fabric for FG and HST's according to your preferred method. **

*Note: If you want to mix up the color like the upper right, Fabric #2, step 1 is the blue; the 8 HST's and 4 of the FG's are yellow; 4 of the FG's are pink; and the 4-1/2" center square is a fussy cut, feature fabric or applique.

**Note: This is a good opportunity to work with FG's. If you don't like making them, substitute twice as many HST's as FG's as specified on page 2. If you want to learn more techniques about HST's or FG's, the library offers lots of resources, and many guild members will be happy to show you how to make them accurately. Please ask Jim Jensen or Dianne Cheli to point you in the right direction.

Assembly Instructions:

Four Patch:

- 1. Align the 1-3/4" strips right sides together, and sew on the long side. Press to dark.
- 2. Cut sewn strips into 1-1/2" pieces. Make 8.
- Take 2 of the 1-1/2" pieces, flip one so colors are opposite each other, right sides together, and sew. With your rotary cutter, square off to a 2-1/2" square. *Make 4.*

Half Square Triangles:

 Use your favorite method to make 2-1/2" square half square triangles. Make 8.

Flying Geese:

 Use your favorite method to make 2-1/2" X 4-1/2" flying geese. Make 8.

White squares:

- 1. Cut 2-1/2" squares. Make 4.
- 2. Cut 4-1/2 " square. Make 1.



Layout:

Follow this pattern for the block layout.

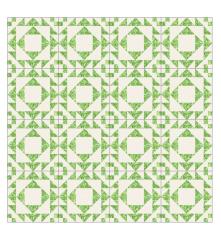


This is a fun block to make and not as complicated as it may appear.

Be sure that the outer corners of the 4-patch are white.

If you are so inspired, the center block lends itself to applique, embroidery or broderie perse.

Keep those spring thoughts flowing, and have fun with this unique block.



Possible block layout for a full quilt.





