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(Guys are welcome!)

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Welcome & Happy New Year!

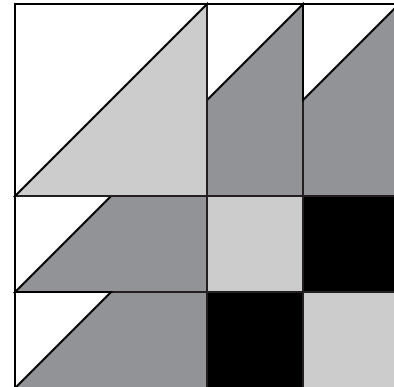
Yes, it's finally here and it's all about YOU and your success as a quilter. If you are receiving a copy of this newsletter, then you are an official Calendar Girl. (OK, Calendar Guys can join) Each issue of the newsletter contains a quick lesson that relates to the featured block of the month and the quilt project. This month the Prairie Flower, the January 6 block, is combined in sets of 4 with thin sashing and then those groups are set into a larger quilt (51" x 51"). Did you get your free pattern yet? Your local participating quilt shop has both the pattern and hopefully, a shop sample made up in fabrics unique to them.

I love templates, but a lot of quilters don't. The Prairie Flower uses a template that can easily be replaced with a technique using only a rectangle and a square. If you look on the next column you will see the quick and easy way to make the B-C and Br-C units. Cut a 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle for each B and Br patch. (My quilt sample uses green fabric; yours may be different.) For each C Patch cut a 2-1/2" square. Draw a line on the wrong side of the fabric along one diagonal. This will be your sewing line. Place the square and rectangle, right sides together, and sew along the line. Take note of the angle of the line. It is different in the B patches from the orientation in the Br patches. Trim away 1/4" from the sewn line. Press the triangles out. Voila! No templates and you have the exact unit you need for the Prairie Flower. Sure beats templates!

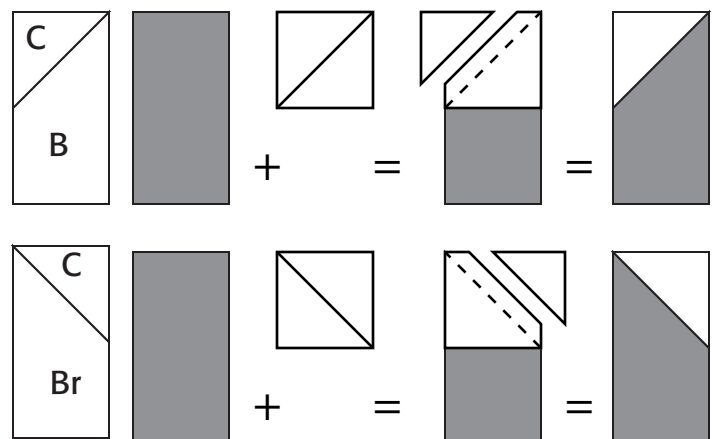
I would love to see the quilts you make from my patterns. Send me a small jpg of your project (via email).

Don't forget that you can find the list of all the Quilt Block a Day Calendar blocks by SIZE at my web site. It's a 2 page pdf free for downloading: <http://www.quilterbydesign.com/Block-a-Day-Size.pdf>

Quick Lesson to bypass templates



Prairie Flower



What's happening at my web site?

- Gallery of quilts for sale (benefits various charities)
- Information on quilt guild programs
- Teaching schedule & exciting workshops
- Patterns for sale
- Free quilt lessons
- Links to more free lessons and patterns

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