

Build a Block Bonanza!

Three new blocks from the fiddly fingers of Jennie Rayment

Watch listen and learn as Jennie takes you through her latest 12" square designs - William's Swirl, Tom's Surprise and Harry's Cross! Why not join all three or repeat one of the designs and create an unusual Japanese inspired folded holdall?

You need:

Build A Block

Build A Block Plus

Fabric:

Country Yard, Petite Flowers, Country Blooms, Deep Blue, Pretty Pink & Pretty Daisies

HST - Half Square Triangles

QST - Quarter Square Triangles

Press seams open and flat



William's Swirl

For a 12" block cut:

*Four 6.5" Half Rectangle Country Yard

*Four 6.5" Half Rectangle Country Blooms

Four 3.5" HST Pretty Pink

Four 3.5" HST Deep Blue

Four 3.5" HST Country Blooms

Four 3.5" HST Petite Flowers



*Lay both fabrics R/S up.
Cut all eight layers at same time. (Reverse design direction of one fabric.)



1. Sew all eight Half Rectangles together.

2. Join all HST to form eight squares.

3. Sew two of these squares together and attach to one side of rectangle as shown



4. Repeat three more times.

5. Sew completed squares to form finished design.

Tom's Surprise

For a 12" block cut:

One 4.5" Square Country Yard

Eight 2.5" QST Country Blooms

Four 2.5" QST Pretty Pink

Four 2.5" QST Petite Flowers

Four 4.5" HST Deep Blue

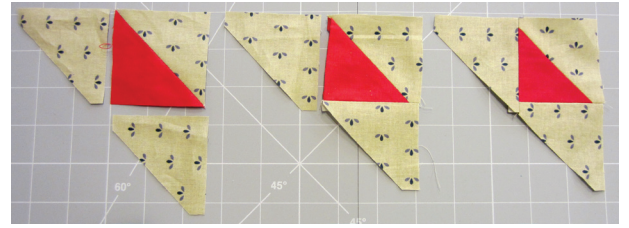
Twelve 2.5" HST Petite Flowers

Four 2.5" HST Pretty Pink

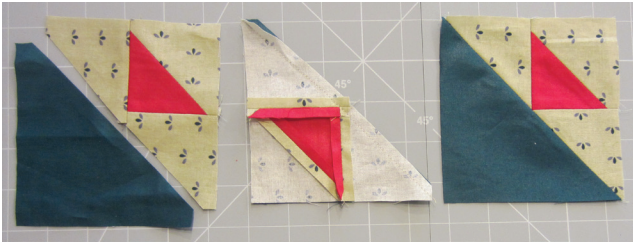




1. Sew four QST to make a square. Repeat three more times.

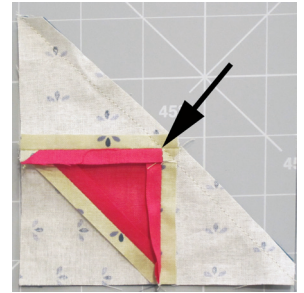


2. Sew one Pretty Pink HST to one Petite Flowers HST. Attach one Petite Flowers HST to either side to form a larger triangle.



3. Sew this triangle to one Deep Blue HST forming a square.

Stitch sections with seamed side up. Seam should pass exactly beside the tip of Pretty Pink shape.



4. Arrange all nine squares to form design.

5. Sew sections together. For easy piecing follow the sewing sequence as pictured below.



Harry's Cross

For a 12" block cut:

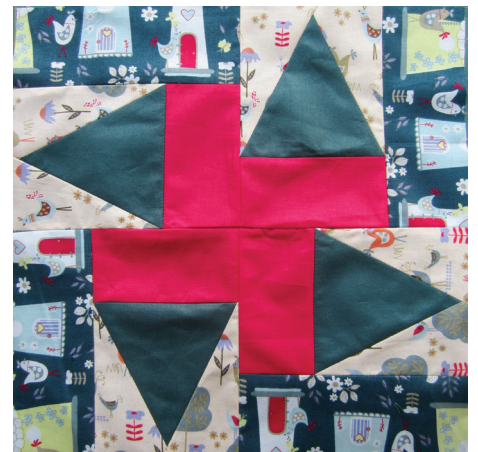
Four 6.5 x 2.5" Rectangle Country Yard

Four 4.5 x 6.5" Rectangle Pretty Pink

*Eight 4.5" Half Rectangle Country Blooms

Four 4.5" Isosceles Triangle Deep Blue

* Cut four W/S up and four W/S down to get mirror image.





1. Sew Half Rectangles to either side of Deep Blue Isosceles triangles forming squares.

2. Attach one Pretty Pink rectangle to side of square.

3. Attach Country Yard Rectangle to other side.

4. Repeat three more times.

5. Arrange the design as shown or play with the pieces and see what else you can come up with!



Folded Holdall

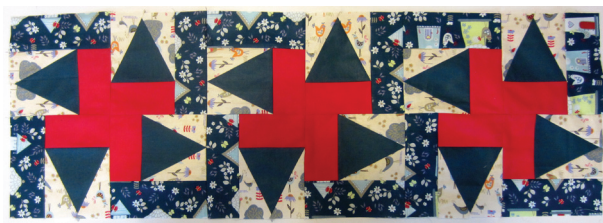
For one holdall:

Three 12" blocks

Six 6.5 x 3.5" Rectangle Petite Flowers

One 13 x 37" Pretty Daisies

(Design taken from Sew Pieces by Jennie Rayment)

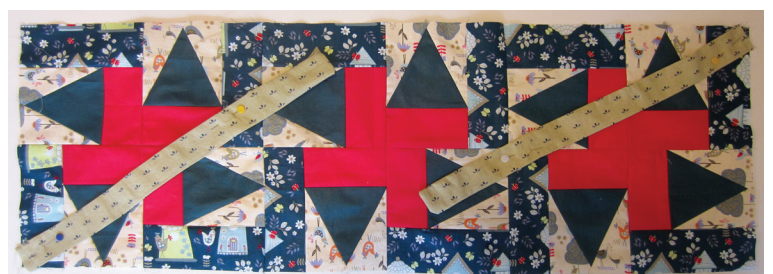


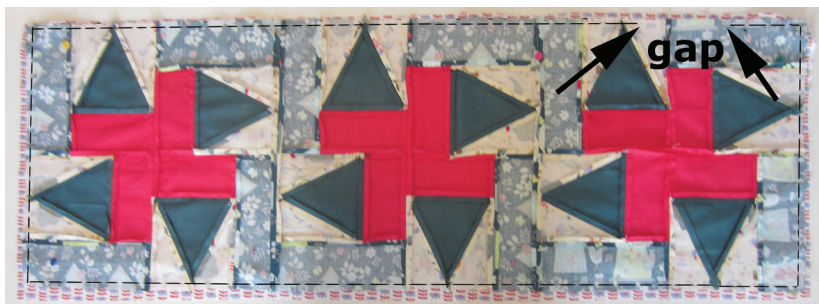
1. Make up three blocks (Harry's Cross used here). Sew together to form long strip.

2. Make Handles: Join three Petite Flowers rectangles to make long band. Fold band in half W/S together, seam along one side, turn R/S out. Press. Repeat with remaining rectangles.



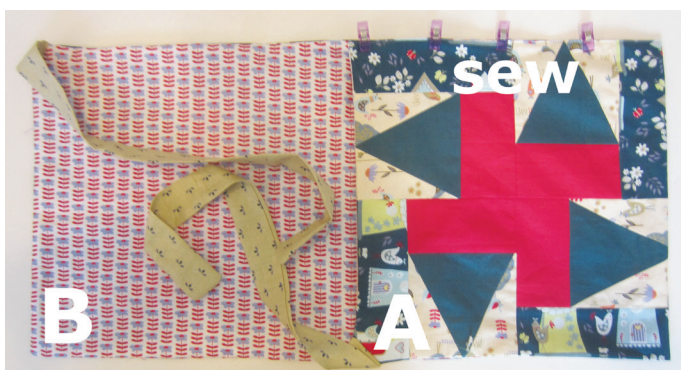
3. Attach one handle to opposite corners of long band. Position handles at an angle to the corner. Sew across end of handle a couple of times





4. Lay pieced band R/S down on Pretty Daisies. Pin carefully. Sew round edge using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. LEAVE a GAP along one long edge opposite a handle.

5. Turn through gap, press carefully.



6. Lay pressed section on flat surface, lining side up, fold one end $\frac{1}{3}$ rd over forming a pocket. Working on the side opposite a handle, pin or clip side of pocket together. Sew along this side.

If using straight stitch - keep sewing very close to edge. For preference zigzag into seam and over the edge or join edges with a hand buttonhole, overcast or ladder stitch. Tie off (lock) stitching firmly at both ends of seam.



7. Fold corner at A back, bring opposite third (corner at B) over. Pin or clip the side seams together. Sew along edge as above.

8. Open out bag, tie handles together and amazingly it will look like this.



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