

MQSC Block of the Month
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Finished Size: 12"

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Prairie Queen

Its stash busting time! This block uses an ecru background and whatever floral print you have in your stash. It is fat-quarter and scrap friendly. We used the strip-piecing method for making our four-patches, so if you wish to use irregular shaped scraps, you will need to adjust your cutting measurements.

Fabrics:

Background: Ecru (solid or tonal)

Cut one 4 ½" square (this is the block's center square)

Cut two 5" squares

Cut one 2 ½" x 20" strip

Floral

Cut two 5" squares

Cut one 2 ½" x 20" strip

The block is made up of 4 half-square triangles, 4 four-patches, and 1 center square.

Half-square triangles: Place one 5" ecru square on a 5" floral square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. Sew a ¼" seam on both sides of drawn line. Cut along the line, forming two half-square triangles. Press seams to the floral fabric. Trim to 4 ½" square.

Four-patches: Sew the ecru and floral strips together and press to the floral strip. Cut the strip set into eight 2 ½" segments with the floral fabric on the left. Join two segments to make a four-patch, being sure to rotate the bottom segment, so that the floral fabric is on the bottom right. Press.

Assembling the Block

Please refer to photo for color placement.

Row 1: half-square triangle, four-patch, half-square triangle. Press to the half-squares.

Row 2: four-patch, center square, four-patch. Press to the center square.

Row 3: half-square triangle, four-patch, half-square triangle. Press to the half-squares.