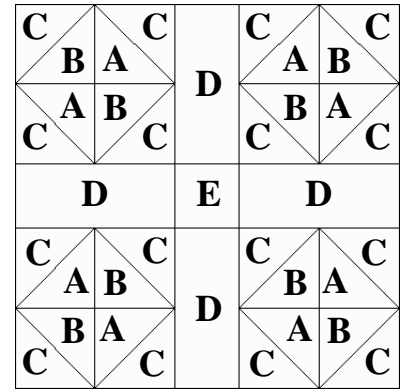
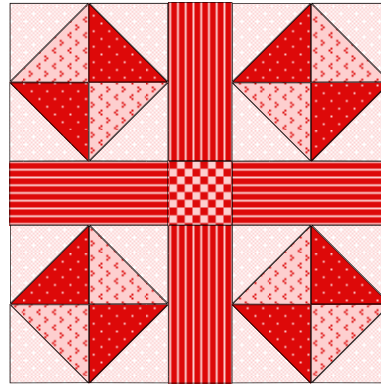
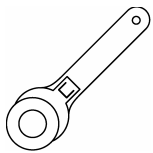


RED CROSS



All instructions include 1/4" seam allowances.

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Use this in a **Block By Block** quilt or
anywhere you need a 12" (12 1/2" with seam
allowances) block.

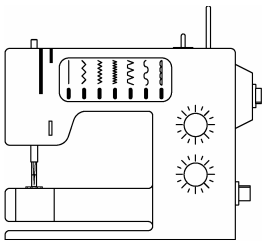


Rotary Cut

- From the fabric for A, cut 1 square, 6 3/4" x 6 3/4".
- From the fabric for B, cut 1 square, 6 3/4" x 6 3/4".
- From the fabric for C, cut 2 squares, 6 3/4" x 6 3/4".
- From the fabric for D, cut 4 rectangles, 2 1/2" x 5 1/2".
- From the fabric for E, cut 1 square, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2".

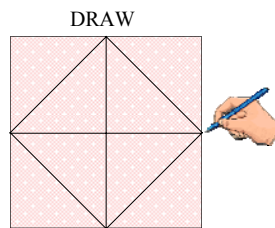


As you work,
trim any tips of
fabric that
extend beyond
the sewn units
for flatter,
neater, quilt

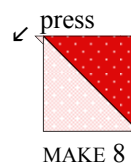
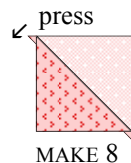
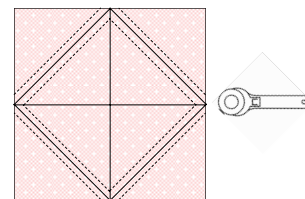


Machine piece

1. Draw a grid on the wrong side of both squares C. The grids will have 4 squares, 3 3/8" x 3 3/8" that divide the squares in half vertically and horizontally. Draw 1 diagonal line in each square. Using a 1/4" seam allowance and with right sides facing, stitch squares A and B to the squares C on each side of the diagonal lines. Cut the units apart to make 16 half square triangles that each measure 3" x 3". Press as shown.

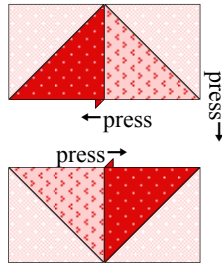


STITCH, THEN CUT



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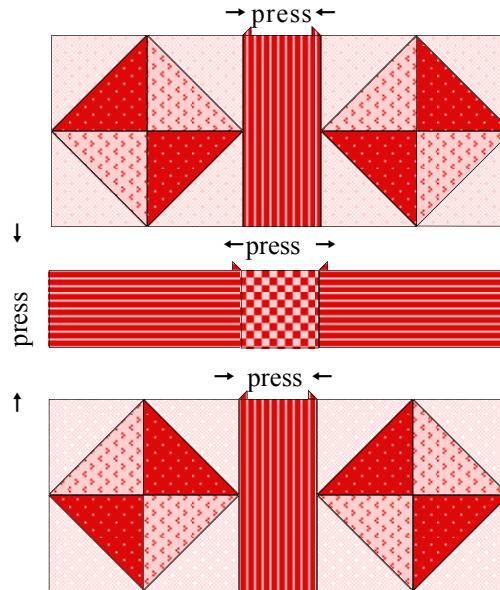
2. Match up edges and seams with right sides together, stitch the units from step 1 into pairs and then into squares. Press as shown to make 4 squares, 5½" x 5½".



make 4

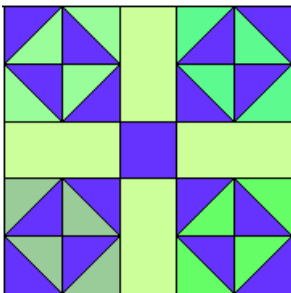
Refer to Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Patterns* and *Electric Quilt 5* and *Block Base*, computer software to research quilt blocks. You can purchase the *Electric Quilt* and *Block Base* at <http://www.electricquilt.com/> and Barbara Brackman's *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns* at http://www.americanquiltercatalog.com/spring_2008/lg_display.cfm?page_number=20.

3. Stitch the squares from step 2, the rectangles D and the square E into 3 rows. Press toward the rectangles D. Stitch the final 2 seams and press toward the rectangles D. Congratulations your block is now complete and should measure 12½" x 12½".

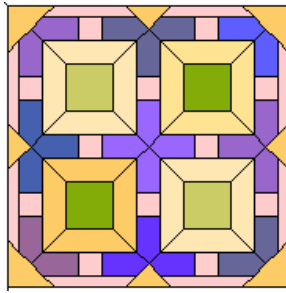


History of the Red Cross Block.

I found 7 blocks that were published as *Red Cross*. During WWI, readers of ladies' magazines were encouraged to make quilts to support the troops in red and white and many were crosses in support of the Red Cross organization.

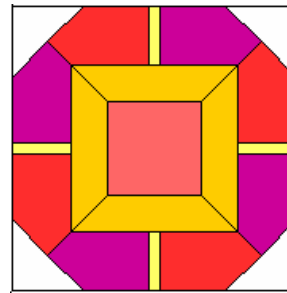


This version was published as *Red Cross* by the Ladies Art Company in 1897.

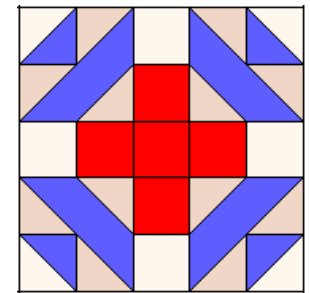


City Star in 1932 and the *Star* re-published it as *Red, White, & Blue Color Scheme* on 1/13/43.

This was published as *Red Cross* in the *Kansas*

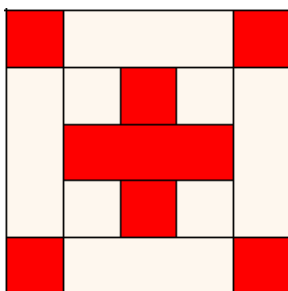


This was another *Red Cross* published by the *Kansas City Star* in 1939.

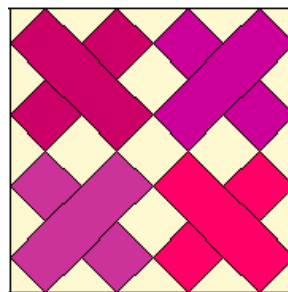


Clara Stone published this *Red Cross* pattern in 1906 in her *Practical Needlework* booklet.

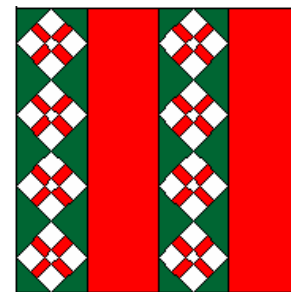
Both blocks also appeared in Hall and Krestinger's, *The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in American* in 1935.



Florence LaGanke Harris' syndicated Nancy Page column published this version of *Red Cross* c1930.



This pattern was called *Red Cross* by Coats and Clark in the 1940s.



This version was published twice as *Red Cross* in the 1970s by Bishop and Safanda in *A Gallery of Amish Quilts* and in *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*.

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