# Next Month's Block – Kansas Star



Skill Building Kansas Sampler

Kansas Troubles is the fifth block in this sampler. This block was used in quilts dated as far back as the early 1800s but it wasn't until the late 1800s that the block appeared in print in Farm Journal.

If you have any problems with any of the blocks in this series, please feel free to call the shop at 913-682-8000 or stop by and we will be happy to help you.

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Block Five – Kansas Troubles Block Quilt designed and written by Maria McKenzie





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# **Block Five – Kansas Troubles Block**

# **Cutting Instructions:**

# Background

Cut (2) -6%" squares; sub-cut once on the diagonal

Cut (8) -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Cut (4) - 2" squares



## Blue

Cut (2) - 37/8" squares; sub-cut once on the diagonal

## **Black**

Cut (2) - 23/8" squares; sub-cut once on the diagonal

## Red

Cut (2) - 23/8" squares; sub-cut once on the diagonal

## **Brown**

Cut (2) - 2½" squares

### Green

Cut (2) - 21/2" squares

#### Rust

Cut (2) -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

### Mustard

Cut (2) - 2½" squares

# **Sewing Instructions:**

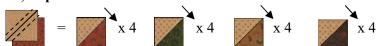
Use 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the (8) 2½" background squares.



Pair a background square with each of the brown, green, rust, and mustard squares, right sides together. Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Press seams away from the background fabric to form a half square triangle (HST). Square HSTs down to 2" x 2".











Sew a brown and mustard HST together as shown, making two opposite sets of each. Sew a rust and green HST together as shown, again making two opposite sets of each. Press seams away from the background fabric.









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Sew the short side of a red triangle to the background sides of the brown HST units and a black triangle to the background sides of the rust HST units as shown. Press seams toward the red/black triangles.



Sew a 2" background square to the mustard/green ends of ONLY the (A) units as shown. Press seams toward the background squares.



Sew the (B) units to the right short sides of the blue triangles, aligning the mustard/green edges with the edges of the blue triangles. Press seams toward the blue.



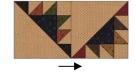


Sew the (A) units to the left sides of the blue triangles, aligning the mustard/green edges with the edge of the background squares as shown. Press seams toward the blue.

Sew a large background triangle to the pieced triangles. Press seams toward the background triangles. Square blocks to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Sew blocks together in pairs as shown. Press seams toward the large background triangle. Make 2.



Sew pairs together and press seam open. Square block to 12½" x 12½".



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