

Next Month's Block – Rocky Road to Kansas



Skill Building Kansas Sampler

The Widow's block is the seventh block in our sampler. It first appeared in a catalog published in 1895 by the Ladies Art Company in St. Louis, MO.

Many quilt patterns require a template to make them due to the angle of the piece needed, the intricacy of the pattern or sometimes just because the designer preferred to use templates. In this case, we are using a template to teach you how templates are used in blocks.

Thank you again for joining us and we look forward to serving you and your creativity. Happy Quilting!

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**Block Seven – Widow's Block**  
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## Block Seven – Widow's Block

### Cutting Instructions:

#### Light Background

Cut (4) –  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

#### Dark Background

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

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

#### Blue Floral

Cut (4) pieces from template provided

#### Green

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#### Red Stripe

Cut (1) –  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square

#### Blue Stripe

Cut (1) –  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square

#### Rust

Cut (1) -  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square, sub-cut twice on the diagonal



#### Mustard

Cut (1) -  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square, sub-cut twice on the diagonal



### Sewing Instructions:

Use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

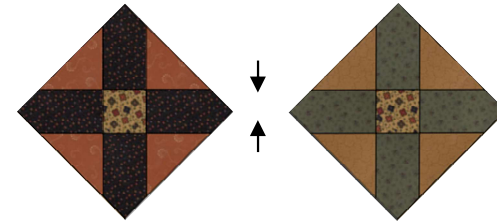
Sew two rust triangles to the long sides of a blue floral piece cut from the template. Press seams toward the blue. Make 2. Repeat instructions to make 2 mustard/green floral triangles, pressing seams toward the green.



Sew a  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " dark background square between two of the blue pieces cut from the template as shown. Press seams toward the blue. Repeat instructions to make a green/dark background strip. Press seams toward the green.



Sew the strip between the two triangle units to form a block as shown. Nest seams and sew with the triangle unit on top to keep seams from flipping while sewing. Make one rust/blue block and one mustard/green block. Press seams toward the middle strip. Square blocks to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Sew a light background rectangle between a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " blue stripe square and a rust/blue block as shown. Sew with the pieced block on top to keep seams from flipping while sewing. Press seams toward the background strip. Sew a light background rectangle between a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " red stripe square and a mustard/green block as shown. Press seams toward the background strip.



Sew the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " dark background square between two light background strips as shown. Press seams toward the light background strips.



Sew sections together as shown. When sewing center strip to top and bottom section, keep the center strip on the bottom to keep seams from flipping while sewing. Press seams toward the center strip. Square block to  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

