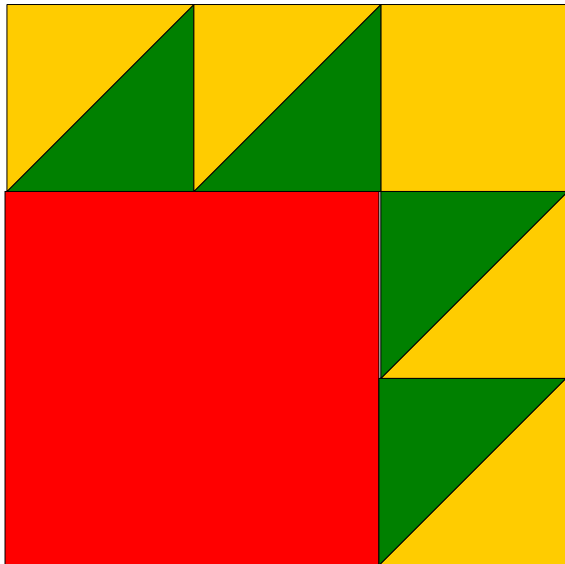


York Heritage Quilters ' Guild
February 2010 Block of the Month

taken from

Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt, by Barbara Schmucker



“The dark green patches from Grandmother’s wedding dress and the flowered daisies from Selina’s baby clothes and the many, many squares of memory shone strong and beautiful in the sunny kitchen. “It’s the Bear Paw pattern,” Selina told them, thinking of Grandmother as she traced the pattern with her fingertips.

“In Canada, we call this pattern Duck’s Foot in the Mud”, one of her cousins said, laughing. “It came to us here from our English neighbours”. “We’ll have a quilting bee soon for Selina’s quilt top.” Aunt Minerva announced. “And we can order a bolt of flowered red cambric for the backing.”

Due to limitations in my computer program, I can only print this pattern in solid colours, so I have to ask you to imagine this block in small florals or calicos on a red background for the large block, on a green background for the “claws” and either yellow flowers on a white background or red, yellow or white flowers on a yellow background for the background blocks. No creams, please.

You will have a 9” finished block (9 /12” unfinished), by cutting :

One 6 ½” square of red print,

Two 3 7/8” (or 4”) squares of green print

Two 3 7/8” (or 4”) squares of yellow background print

And one 3 ½” square of yellow background print.

For the half-square triangle patches, place a dark and a light square right sides together and draw a diagonal line across the patch. Sew a scant ¼” seam along each side of the line. Cut along the line, press open and trim to 3 ½” if needed.

The illustrated paperback book, “Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt”, is published by Stoddart Kids and is available from Holly Doll, a member of the guild who works for the publisher, for \$10.