

August 2008 Block of the-Month

The finished block is 12 inches square (plus a ¼-inch seam allowance).

- You may make your background plain, or you can piece it using 4, 6-inch blocks, or 9, 4-inch blocks, or 16, 3-inch blocks (add seam allowance).
- You may use any method you like to appliqué the blocks.
- Using the block diagram as a guide, appliqué in this order: stems (from a ¼-inch finished bias strip), petals, cap. (Note: you can make the flowers with five individual petals and make each a different fabric, or use the pattern piece with the five petals together and make the petals all the same fabric). To make a black-eyed Susan, use yellow petals with a dark brown or plum-colored center, or use one of these combinations to make different flowers:

Purple coneflower—pale purple petals with a brown or orange center

Pink coneflower—pale pink petals with a brown or orange center

Daisy—white petals with a yellow or yellow-green center

Aster—purple or blue petals with a yellow or orange center

*At the base of each flower's cap place a row of green rickrack, or sew a row of green buttons or beads, or embroider a row of green French knots.

**Optional: Make a bow from wide ribbon and stitch it to the middle of the stems.*

