

QCNNY Block of the Month March 2011

Portrait of a Lady (Source: D. L. Collier)



Finished block size: 9" x 9"

This block pays homage to all women. Select a fabric with a printed image of a woman—any woman, and then frame it. She may be culturally relevant or whimsical, as long as she is depicted in a positive manner. The colors will be determined by the motif, the background it's printed on, and your personal taste. Though the actual construction of the block is simple, the end result promises to be lovely.

For best results, starch and press the fabrics before cutting.

Fussy cut the figure of a woman from the printed fabric. A square or rectangle with sides 6" or less is easiest, but any geometric figure with straight sides will do as long as it is not too large. Then, frame it by attaching borders with the coordinating and/or complementary fabrics. The frame can be any style--log cabin, attic windows, crazy patch—the possibilities are endless. Keep adding to the frame until the block is at least 10 ½" to 11" on all sides. Press. Trim the block to 9 ½" square.