

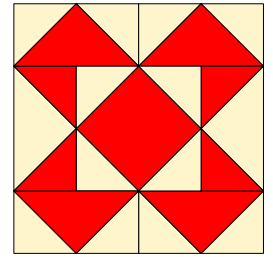


## Block 109 Major Deanna Brasseur

	From:	Sub-cut:
	B 3½" strip 2" strip OR 5"x19" rectangle	2 - 2"x3½" rectangles 12 - 2" squares
	R 4"x20" rectangle	1 - 3½" square 4 - 2"x3½" rectangles 4 - 2" squares



## Major Deanna Brasseur (Pembroke ON 1953-)

"Deanna's early air force days was just 'the guys and Dee.' Growing up Deanna was a transient RCAF 'Brat' in eleven different military and civilian locations in six Canadian provinces and two American states. After graduating high school she spent one year in university before joining the Canadian military, rank Private to the Administration Clerk 831 Trade. Her first posting at the Orderly Room of 14 Dental Unit Detachment CFB Winnipeg as a typist for the dental office but Deanna wanted to spread her wings.

Applying and working through the courses she made her way into the Officer Training program as an Air Weapons Controller for CF-101 fighter aircraft acting as targets and supply planes. She served at 22 NORAD Region and an exchange with USAF in Duluth MN NORAD Region. Deanna was in line when CF in 1979 began trial flying lessons for women. She graduated in 1981 with two other women as a fighter jet pilot. Following a year of French study she became the first female flight commander at CFB Cold Lake AB serving for two years. Here, she flew the T-33 Silver Star qualifying to be a 4-Plane Formation Lead, T-33 Airshow Demonstration and Test Pilot and certifying as a military pilot license examiner.

In 1988 Deanna began training on the CF5. Upon graduating she went to 410 'Cougar' squadron to complete her dream of flying CF-18s and had to pinch herself when soloing. Deanna and Jane Foster were the first two women to successfully graduate and qualify to fly the CF-18, the most powerful aircraft in the Canadian Air Force. 'It was extremely challenging because at each turn of every course you were running up against the typical stereotype of women. There was no lack of those who wanted to tell you, you belonged in the kitchen. You really had to believe you belonged there.'

After flying in Canada and Europe Deanna switched gears and became the first female aircraft accident investigator monitoring and supervising flight safety, matters pertaining to all Canadian Military Jet Trainer and Fighter aircraft activities. When Major Brasseur retired in 1994 she had flown from 'desk jockey' to 'jet jockey' accumulating 2,500 hours in jet airplanes."

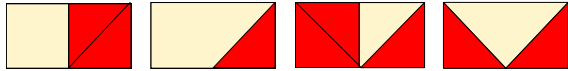
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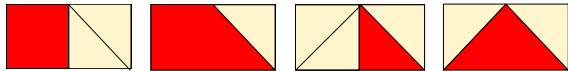
**Block 109 Major Deanna Brasseur** finished: 6" unfinished: 6½"

**Procedure:**

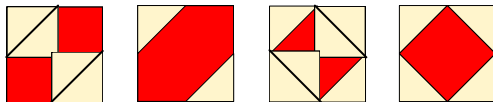
1. Follow Connector Corner on End of Rectangle page to sew [1] 2" **R** square to the corners on [1] 2"x3½" **B** rectangle. Should be 2"x3½". Make 2.



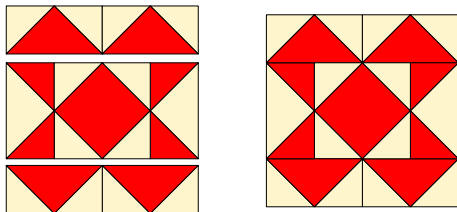
2. Follow Connector Corner on End of Rectangle page to sew [1] 2" **B** square to the corners on [1] 2"x3½" **R** rectangle. Should be 2"x3½". Make 4.



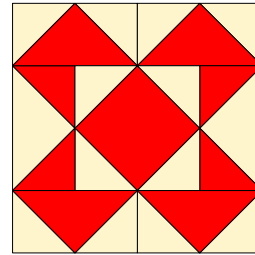
3. Follow Connector Corner on Corner of Square page to sew [1] 2" **B** square to opposite corners on [1] 3½" **R** square. Then sew [1] 2" **B** square to remaining opposite corners. Should be 3½" square.

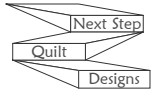


4. Layout and sew together [4] Step 2, [2] Step 1 and [1] Step 3 unit. Sew units together in rows. Press seams open. Sew rows together. Should be 6½" square.



5. Option: Sew a 1½"x6½" background sash strip to the right side of block. ∞

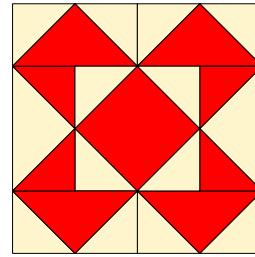




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