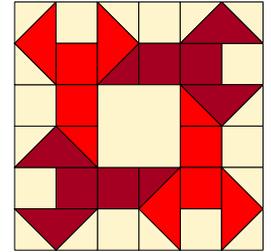


Block 88 Viola Rita Huggard MacMillan

	From:	Sub-cut:
	B 2½" strip 1½" strip OR 4"x18" rectangle	1 - 2½" square 20 - 1½" squares
	R 4"x11" rectangle	4 - 1½"x2½" rectangles 6 - 1½" squares
	M 4"x11" rectangle	4 - 1½"x2½" rectangles 6 - 1½" squares



Viola Rita Huggard MacMillan (Dee Bank ON 1903-1993)

"Viola, thirteenth of fifteen children, was forced to quit school at twelve to work on the struggling farm where she spent long days doing chores and helping her mother scrub floors in nearby hotels. Her dream of going back to school to become a stenographer, like some of the guests was achieved when she got a job in a Windsor law office. In 1923 Viola married George MacMillan who had been working in a lumber camp since age fourteen.

Dressed as a man, because it was considered bad luck for a woman to be in a mine, she helped George do some assessment work on a mining claim for a relative. Viola soon switched her career to mining and prospecting even though she had a successful moonlighting real estate business. She discovered that they could finance their summer prospecting trips by creating syndicates and she formed her first company in 1933 and began selling mining shares out of her Timmins office.

Viola was so effective at staking claims prospectors called her the Queen Bee. She was a gambler that followed her hunches and hit pay dirt. She was behind the discovery of the Hallnor and Canadian Arrow gold mines, developed the Ontario Kan-Kotia base metal mine, the Saskatchewan Lake Cinch uranium mine and the BC Slocan Lake silver and lead deposits. Viola developed the Prospectors and Developers Association, was elected president from 1944 to 1964. During WWII she convinced the federal government to supply geologists to teach prospectors how to identify strategic minerals needed to support the war. Viola was active in the Wartime Metals Control Commission and after armistice she convinced the federal government to prevent a catastrophe in the gold mining industry by adopting the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act.

In mid 1960s Viola was in a mining scandal. Both George and Viola were charged with fraud and acquitted. In 1967 Viola was convicted of an insider trading violation, sentenced, served nine weeks, paroled and fully pardoned. Some believe she was a scoundrel others say she was the scapegoat when the practice of wash trading was commonplace and no one else had been charged.

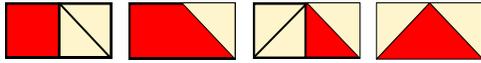
Viola provided \$1.25 million to help buy one of the greatest mineral collections in the world for Canada. She was the first woman inducted to the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame."

Merna Forster, "Viola MacMillan—Mining Dynamo", 100 Canadian Heroines Famous and Forgotten Faces," The Dundurn Group Toronto, 2004, 149-151.

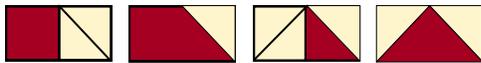
Block 88 Viola Rita Huggard MacMillan finished: 6" unfinished: 6½"

Procedure:

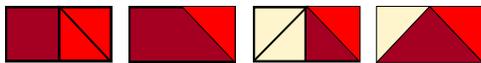
1. Follow Connector Corner on End of Rectangle to sew [1] 1½" **B** square to the corners on [1] 1½"x2½" **R** rectangle. Should be 1½"x2½".
Make 2.



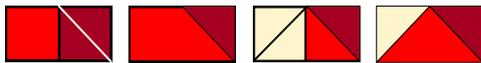
2. Follow Connector Corner on End of Rectangle to sew [1] 1½" **B** square to the corners on [1] 1½"x2½" **M** rectangle. Should be 1½"x2½".
Make 2.



3. Follow Connector Corner on End of Rectangle to sew [1] 1½" **B** and **R** square to the corners on [1] 1½"x2½" **M** rectangle. Should be 1½"x2½".
Make 2.



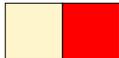
4. Follow Connector Corner on End of Rectangle to sew [1] 1½" **B** and **M** square to the corners on [1] 1½"x2½" **R** rectangle. Should be 1½"x2½".
Make 2.



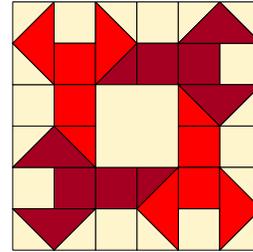
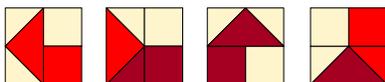
5. Sew [1] 1½" **B** and **M** square together. Press to **B**. Should be 1½"x2½". Make 4.



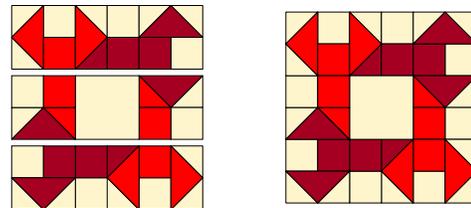
6. Sew [1] 1½" **B** and **R** square together. Press to **B**. Should be 1½"x2½". Make 4.



7. Make 2 of each of the following using [1]:
 - i. Step 1 and 6,
 - ii. Step 4 and 5,
 - iii. Step 2 and 5
 - iv. Step 3 and 6.
 Press to Steps 5 and 6.



8. Layout all [8] Step 7 units and [1] 2½" **B** square. Sew together in rows. Press. Sew rows together. Press. Should be 6½" square.



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

