







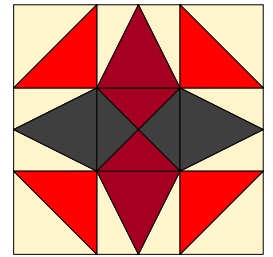


Block 92 Sophie Morigeau

	From:	Sub-cut:	
	B 3" strip OR 4"x21" rectangle	1 - 3"x14" rectangle 2 - 3" squares, cut once diagonally in half	
	R 4"x7" rectangle	2 - 3" squares, cut once diagonally in half	
	4"x10" rectangle	1 - 3½" square, cut twice diagonally in half 1 - 4"x6" rectangle	
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Sophie Morigeau (Columbia River Valley BC 1836-1916)

"Sophie's mother Elizabeth Taylor was Cree-Metis mix and her biological father could have been Patrick Finley, son of Jocko Finlay who helped David Thompson set up trading posts, but when Sophie was baptized they were living with François Baptiste Morigeau a free trader fur trader. She spent most of her childhood in the Upper Columbia area of the Kootenays and moved to Fort Colville to obtain free land when the fur trading was poor.

At sixteen she married Jean Baptiste Chabotte. When the marriage dissolved in 1860 Sophie decided to remain independent and use Morigeau as her surname. It is said that she seldom lacked for masculine company. Sophie became a free trader. In 1863 when the Wild Horse Gold Rush broke out she went north chasing new opportunities. She ran a pack train from Washington and Montana north to supply the miners regularly visiting Fort Steele BC. The new Canadian-American border was no impediment as she travelled the north-south corridor known as the Tobacco Plains. Sophie was a very successful and sharp trader doing business with both whites and Natives while presenting whatever side of her own racial heritage suited the situation.

Fort Steele closed in 1870. Two years later she was one of the first BC women that dared to claim their own land, 320 acres along the Lower Columbia Lake. Sophie operated her business from the homestead and travelled the Tobacco Plains corridor then moved to Eureka Montana area where she kept cattle and horses and hired prospectors to find good mining sites. A business opportunity had her trading at Golden BC selling concealed contraband liquor to transcontinental railway construction crews. Local suppliers chased her away so she went to Calgary and made a big profit then stuck closer to her trading post.

This colourful character stashed a box of gold coins under her mattress, wore a patch over her eye, helped those in need, was a role model for befriended youngsters and well liked. On the other side she was a daring trailblazer and a gracious hostess serving strawberry shortcake on a white tablecloth."

Merna Forster, "Sophie Morigeau—The Trader", 100 More Canadian Heroines Famous and Forgotten Faces," The Dundurn Group Toronto, 2011, 250-252.

Block 92 Sophie Morigeau finished: 6" unfinished: 6½"

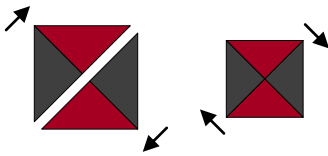
Procedure:

Option: Tri-recs ruler to make the 2" finished blocks.

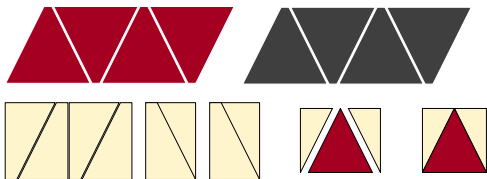
1. Layout and sew together [1] 3" **B** and **R** triangle. Press to **B**. Trim to 2½" square. Make 4.



2. Layout and sew together [2] 3½" **M** and **D** triangles. Open center, spin and press. Trim to 2½" square.



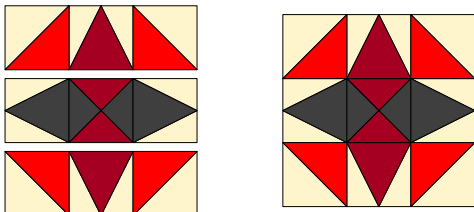
3. Trim **M** and **D** rectangles from 4" wide to 2½" wide. Using the templates at right or Tri-recs ruler cut out [4] sets of **C** triangles from 2½" wide **B** rectangle and [2] **C-B** triangles from 2½" wide **M** and **D** rectangles. Layout, match intersection points and sew together [1] set of **C-B** triangles and [1] **A-M** triangle. Press to **B**. Should be 2½" square. Make 2.



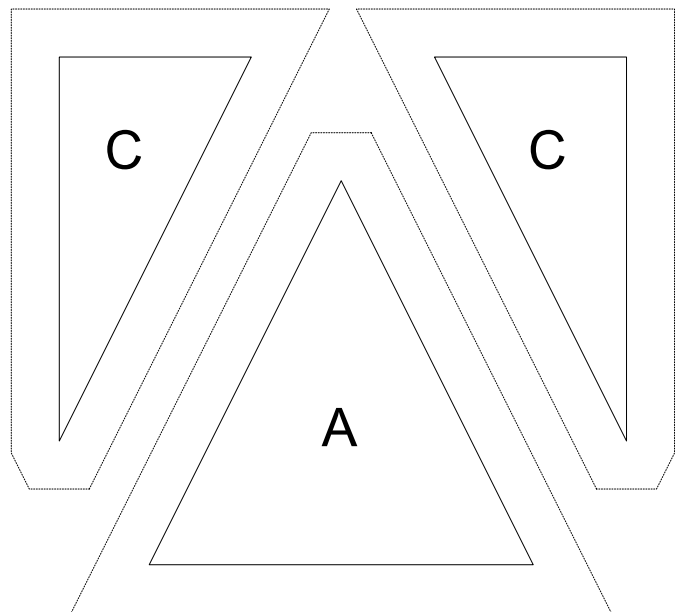
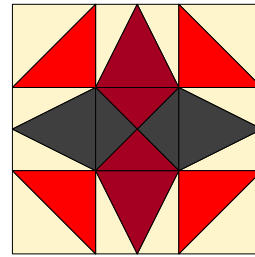
4. Layout, match intersection points and sew together [1] set of **C-B** triangles and [1] **A-D** triangle. Press to **B**. Should be 2½" square. Make 2.

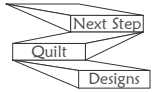


5. Layout all Step 1, 2, 3, and 4 units. Sew together in rows. Press. Sew rows together. Press. Should be 6½" square.



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





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PERSONAL REFLECTION & INSPIRATION

Making and taking opportunities. A business woman and a lady all in one.

