


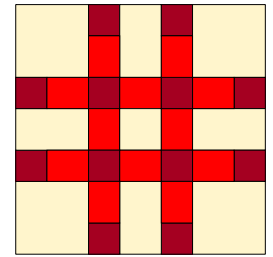


## Block 93 Kirkina (Elizabeth Jefferies) Mucko

|   | From:              | Sub-cut:                |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
|  | B 2½" strip        | 4 - 2¼" squares         |
|   | 1½" strip          | 4 - 1½"x2¼" rectangles  |
|   | OR 4"x" rectangle  | 1 - 1½" square          |
|  | R 2"x19" rectangle | 12 - 1¼"x1½" rectangles |
|  | M 2"x16" rectangle | 12 - 1¼" squares        |



### Kirkina (Elizabeth Jefferies) Mucko (near Rigolet Labrador 1890s-1970)

"After Kirkina's Inuit mother was having her second child her father left the cabin to find a midwife. When he returned after being caught in a blizzard the cabin was freezing, her mother had had her baby and two year old Elizabeth's legs were frozen black and gangrene. They were amputated below the knees to save her life. Several years later famed medical missionary Dr Wilfred Grenfell, was dismayed to see her hobbling around on severed limbs. He arranged surgery and fitted her with artificial legs in Battle Harbour.

The attending physician at Battle Harbour, Dr John McPherson returned to New York with his wife, bringing Kirkina to undergo more surgeries while attending school. When he was transferred to a Mexican hospital, Kirkina spent summer holidays and went to school there. Kirkina was fluent in Spanish when she graduated from grade twelve.

She travelled with Dr Grenfell in the US and Britain raising money for the Grenfell Mission in Newfoundland and Labrador then setting up a Kirkina Fund. When Mrs McPherson died Kirkina returned to Labrador and worked at the Grenfell Mission for several years. She married French-Canadian Inuit trapper and fisherman Adam Mucko and struggled to raised seven children. They couldn't afford to replace the artificial limbs so Kirkina hobbled around on her knees protected by leather pads.

Adam and three children died from the Spanish Flu and three more children died later. To look after her and her daughter, Kirkina studied nursing and midwifery at the mission hospital in St Anthony NL then returned to Labrador and travelled along the coast for thirty years as a midwife often without artificial legs. In 1950, she was fitted for new prosthetics and walking again after a week of therapy, thanks to donations from pilots who had heard about her predicament."

Merna Forster, "Kirkina Mucko—A Labrador Legend", 100 More Canadian Heroines Famous and Forgotten Faces," The Dundurn Group Toronto, 2011, 253-255.

## Block 93 Kirkina (Elizabeth Jefferies) Mucko finished: 6" unfinished: 6½"

### Procedure:

1. Sew [1] 1¼" **M** squares to [1] 1¼"x1½" **R** rectangle. Press to **M**. Should be 1¼"x2¼". Make 10.



2. Layout and sew together [1] 1½"x2¼" **B** rectangle and [2] 2¼" **B** squares and Step 1 units. Press to **B**. Should be 2¼"x6½". Make 2.



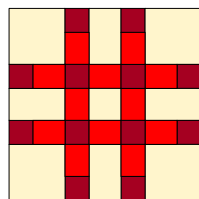
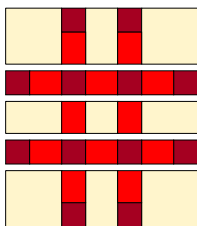
3. Layout and sew together [2] 1½"x2¼" **B** rectangles and [2] 1¼"x1½" **R** rectangles and [1] 1½" square. Press to **B**. Should be 1½"x6½".



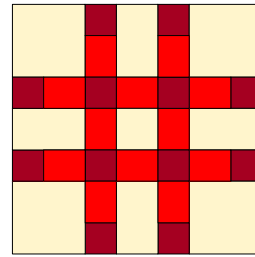
4. Layout and sew together [3] Step 1 units and [1] 1¼" **M** square. Press to **M**. Should be 1¼"x6½". Make 2.

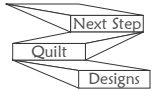


5. Layout and sew together [2] Step 2 and 4 units and [1] Step 3 unit. Sew rows together. Press to Steps 2 and 3. Should be 6½" square.



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

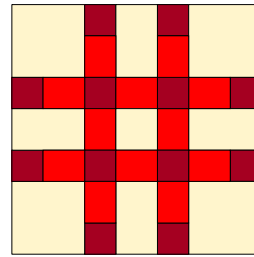




## Block 93 Kirkina (Elizabeth Jefferies) Mucko

### PERSONAL REFLECTION & INSPIRATION

Disadvantages to courageous optimism.



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