

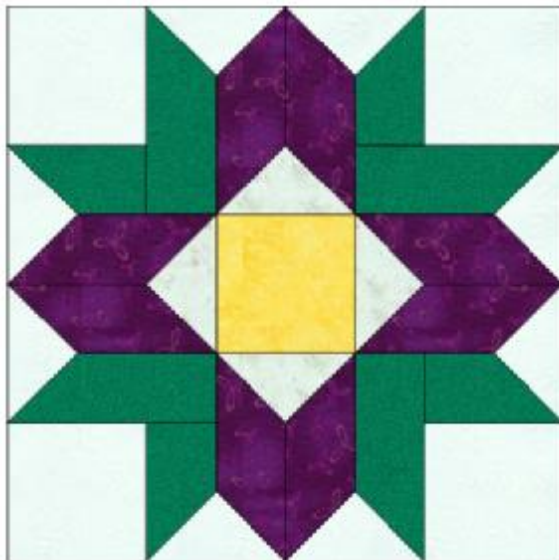
Mother's Choice

12 inches finished (12 ½ inch edge to edge)

Well, the wedding is on – true love it is!

Phee's mother Agnes may not get much choice in this wedding. She worries about her Daddy's Princess, whose been planning her pink and silver glam wedding since she was 4! How did she ever get such a girly girl! Agnes and James got married at Lighthouse Park at dusk with a few close family and friends, followed by a pot luck barbeque on the beach – she knows that Ophelia already has a list of 250 close childhood friends and family she wants to invite, and that doesn't include Fin's family and friends. She would love to host a small simple wedding in their garden, but is afraid that it's going to be a big, fluffy expensive wedding in a fancy venue demanding much of her precious gardening and quilting time – and a lot of dealing with planners and designers and florists and photographers and caterers and musicians and ...

This block was called Mother's Choice when it was described in 1906. Since then it has also been known as Diamond Star (also in 1906) and Open Box in 1933.



Since Agnes' garden is filled with Winter Pansies right now, so let's make her block in pansy colours.

Yellow - 3½ inch square – centre

Violet – 8 – 2 by 5 inches

Leafy Green – 4 – 2 by 5 inches

4 – 2 by 3 ½ inches

Background – 12 – 2 by 3 ½ for loose goose

4 – 3 ½ inch squares

This is really a simple block, but we are adding a few twists of our own.

Start with the corners –

Make 4 log cabin blocks using the green rectangles and the 3 ½ inch squares.

This will measure 5 inch square when completed.



Sew pairs of violet rectangles, with a background loose goose. To do this, fold a background rectangle in half **WRONG** sides together. Place it on one violet rectangles so that the raw edges are in line with the lower edges.

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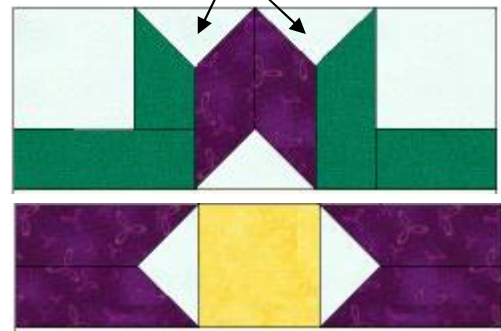
Place the second rectangle on top of the first right sides together, and sew one long seam, sandwiching the loose goose between the rectangles. Open up the seam and spread the goose until it sits flat as shown.



Make four of these sections, each measuring 3 1/2 inches by 5 inches.

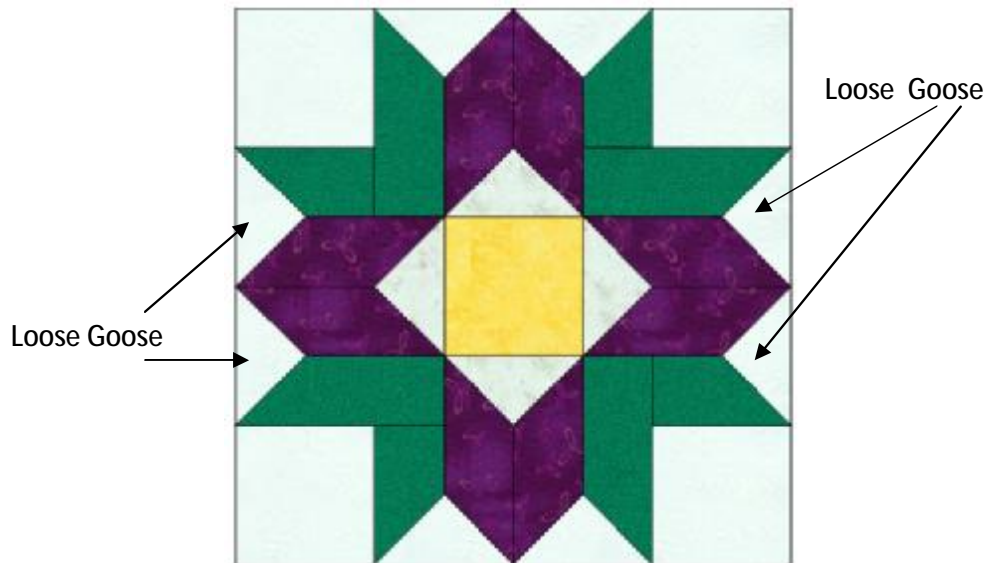
To put it all together, sew a violet section between two corner sections – with a loose goose in each seam. Make two of these sections, each measuring 5 inches by 12 1/2 inches when finished

Loose Goose



Sew the remaining violet sections to either side of the yellow centre square. This section should measure 12 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches.

Sew the three units together, putting loose geese in each seam and you are done!



Did your mother have a say in your wedding plans?