

Miller's Daughter

8 inches finished (8 ½ inches edge to edge)



This block was called Miller's Daughter by Nancy Cabot of the Chicago Tribune on Sept 9, 1937. Nancy Page of the Birmingham News called it Oregon in November of 1936 Chicago Tribune

Our Miller girls may not be daughters, but close enough! Our block has a slight modification as well - Brenda Miller and Debbie Miller.

Brenda's favourite colours are blue and yellow - that will make a nice change - very spring like. We will go with three shades of blue which should give us a nice 3D effect, along with a lovely bright yellow. Very French!

Cutting:

Background



4 - 2 by 2 ½ inch rectangles
8 - 2 inch squares (connector corners)

Colour 1 Mellow Yellow



4 - 2 by 2 ½ inch rectangles
4 - 2 inch squares

Colour 2 Light Blue



4 - 2 by 3 ½ inch rectangles

Colour 3 - Medium Blue



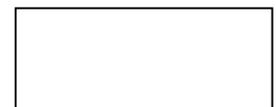
4 - 2 by 3 ½ inch rectangles

Colour 4 - Dark Blue

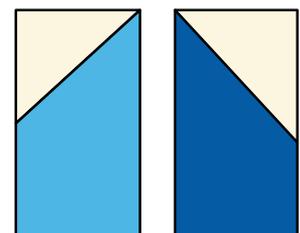


1 - 2 ½ inch square

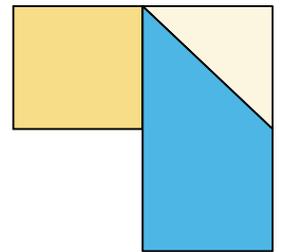
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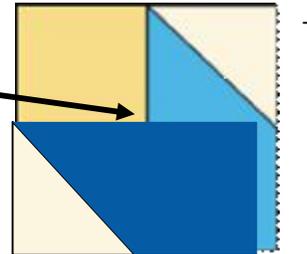
We have done this before and it's not as tricky as it looks. Sew a background connector corner to each light blue and medium blue rectangle. Watch which end they are on, and which angle is sewn!



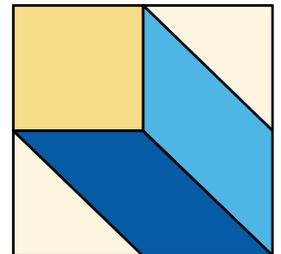
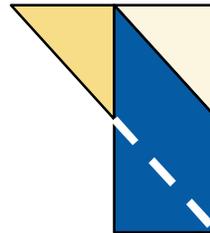
Now, Sew one of the 2 inch yellow squares to the Light Blue rectangle, but sew only to a point ¼ inch before the end of the square. Sew from the top of the seam to the 'inside' corner, leaving the seam allowance on the lower edge of the square



Moving the light blue rectangle aside, sew the square to the medium blue rectangle ending the seam at the same point the previous seam finished. And leaving the two rectangles separate.



Fold the piece so that the two rectangles are right sides together and the connector corners are exactly on top of each other (the yellow square will fold on the diagonal, keep it out of the way)
Sew from the lower right hand corner to the point where your previous seams joined. Trim your seam, and you have now sewn a perfect mitred corner!



Your square will measure 3 ½ inches square.

Sew the background rectangles to the yellow rectangles - to measure 3 ½ by 2 ½ inches, and sew the sections into the nine-patch as shown at the top of page 1.

Brenda Millar writes that she was born in Kitchener. She says "I needed a creative outlet as my job can be very black and white so I required an art form for relaxation. I am a Border Services Officer currently in the Regional Information Unit in Downtown Vancouver also am the CEO for Millar Group Heritage Enterprises with operates the Grist Mill and Gardens in Keremeos. 1 Husband (for 38 years so too late to change him for another model) 4 children (2 girls 2 boys) 7 grandsons 1 granddaughter; my dog died the beginning of the summer after 15 years - would like another one - dream dog - West Highland White - due to allergies must be a non shedder if you hear of one what needs a great home. Brenda is most proud of the fact that at age 50 she got a Bachelors degree from SFU and just completed the CQA Quilt Judging Course

Brenda says - I enjoy being a member of the BMOG and my mantra as the Program Director is: Through the program I strive to share my passion of quilting with others, to foster an environment in which BMOG members can successfully explore new ideas, techniques and to encourage creativity and expertise in an accepting and fun environment.

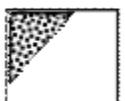
Debbie Miller is the proud proprietor of the Needle & I - which means she has an endless supply of fabric to work with. Her first grandchild is a girl who arrived on Valentine's day! Debbie loves travel - especially to New York to the store filled with sugar free candies. She coached boys fastball for 13 years, winning the bronze in the 2004 BC Summer games. Debbie designs many of the quilts displayed in her shop.

Connector Corners:



Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position.

Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer ¼ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.