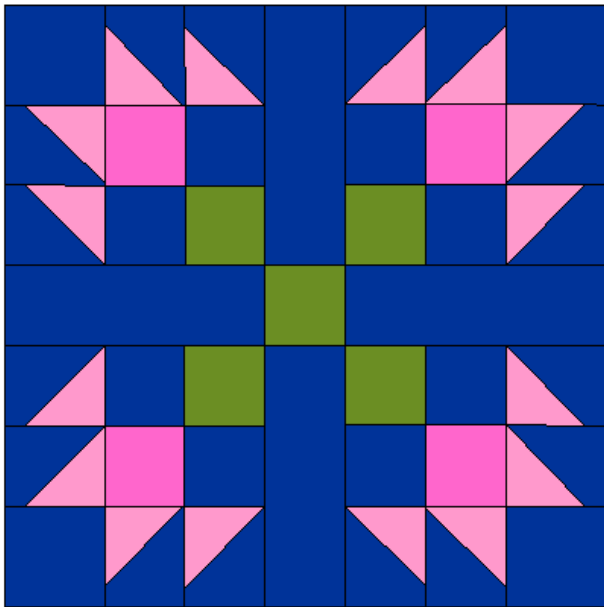


Tea Rose

15 inches finished – 15 ½ inches edge to edge

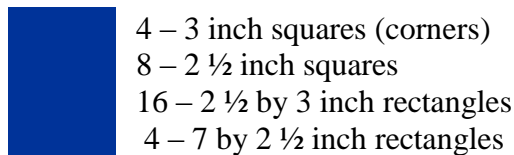


The Tea roses are repeat-flowering roses, named for their fragrance being reminiscent of Chinese black tea (although this is not always the case). The colour range includes pastel shades of white, pink and (a novelty at the time) yellow to apricot. In a "typical" Tea, pointed buds produce high-centred blooms which unfurl in a spiral fashion, and the petals tend to roll back at the edges, producing a petal with a pointed tip; the Teas are thus the originators of today's "classic" florists' rose form.

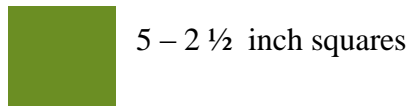
This block was called Tea Rose by the authors of Q book 125, *Rose Quilts* (about 1970). The books were printed by Capper's Weekly a periodical in Topeka Kansas established in 1879. The series of books began in 1940. It is also known as Bear's Paw, American Rose Bud, The Best Friend, Doves in the Window, Duck's Foot in the Mud, and Rosebud.

Let's do these Roses any colours that you have seen Tea roses – currently we have some beautiful ones that are mainly white, with bright orange around the outside of the petals, but we have had everything from light greenish white through yellows to bright oranges (we don't care for the dark red ones ourselves). We usually have a vase of some sort of rose all winter as a reminder that summer will eventually come!

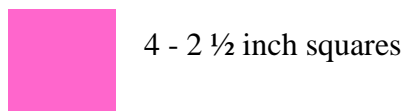
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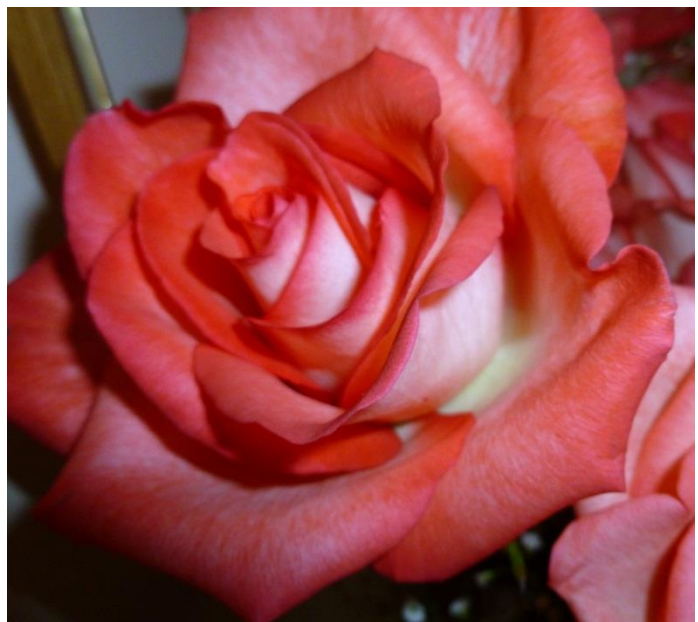
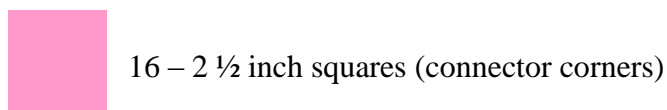
Leaves (green)



Centre Petals

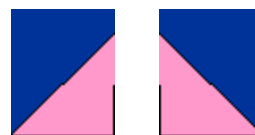


Outer Petals or Tips

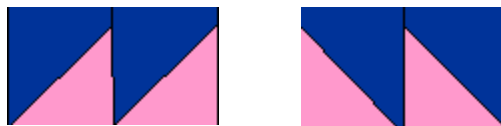


This is a pretty easy block to construct.

First, add the connector corner $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 inch background rectangles - all 16 of them. Watch out for the direction of the corners - half are in the lower left, and half in the lower right.



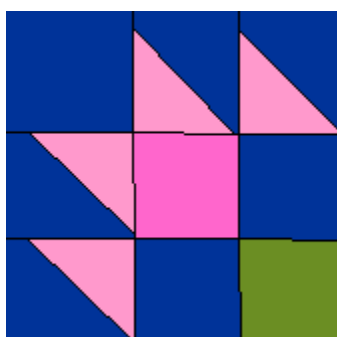
Sew these into pairs - each pair will have the connector in the same corner:



Now, using two background $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares, one leaf square, and one inner petal square - construct a four patch: Note the placement of the colours. You will need to make 4 of these and they must measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches square when complete.

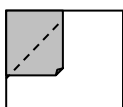


Sew one set of rectangles on the top and side of each four patch, with the 3 inch background square, and you have a pretty rose section that will measure 7 inches.



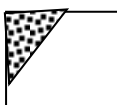
Lay your four roses sections with the remaining long rectangles of background, and the centre leaf colour, and complete the nine-patch to finish the block.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.