## Ellie's Elephant



American Quilter's Society
Vintage Block Series \#3

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Block Size: 9" Finished

## Materials needed for one block:

Background Fabric:

- 1 fat quarter or 9" x 20" scrap

Elephant Fabric:

- 1 fat quarter or 8 " $\times 20$ " scrap

Saddle Blanket Fabrics:

- Dark: 4" x 5" scrap
- Light: 2" x 4" scrap


## Cutting Instructions:

For the background, cut:

- $7-1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles

- $8-11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- 3-2" x 2" squares

For the elephant, cut:

- $1-1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- $1-1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 5 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangle
- 2 - $1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 41 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- $2-11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- 3-2" x 2" squares
- 4 - $11 / 2 "$ x $11 / 2$ " squares

For the saddle blanket, cut:

- From the dark fabric: $2-11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles
- From the light fabric: $1-1 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 31 / 2$ " rectangle


## Assembling the block:

1. Draw a diagonal line once from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2 " background squares.

2. With right sides together, layer a marked 2 " background square on top of a 2" elephant square. Sew a $1 / 4$ " seam on both sides of the line, then cut apart on the drawn line. Size the squares to $1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$. Repeat with the remaining 2 " elephant squares. Makes 6 elephant/background half-square triangles.

3. The rows for this block are assembled vertically from left to right. For row one, sew a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 51 / 22^{\prime \prime}$ elephant rectangle to an elephant/background half-square triangle as shown below.

4. Sew a $1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to the unit created in step three as shown below.

5. For row two, sew a $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to a $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 41 / 2$ " elephant rectangle. Sew a $1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2 "$ background rectangle to the end as shown below.

6. For row three, sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{1 / 2 "}$ background rectangle to a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ elephant square. Sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2 "$ dark saddle blanket rectangle to the elephant square, then sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to the end as shown below.

7. For row four, sew a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " elephant square. Sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2 "$ light saddle blanket rectangle to the elephant square, then sew a $11 / 2 " \times 31122^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to the end as shown below.

8. For row five, sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to a $1 \frac{1}{1 / 2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " elephant square. Sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ dark saddle blanket rectangle to the elephant square, then sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2 "$ background rectangle to the end as shown below.

9. For row six, sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2 "$ elephant rectangle to a $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime} \times 31 / 2 "$ background rectangle as shown below.

10. For row seven, sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to an elephant/background half square triangle as shown below.

11. Sew a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 3^{11 / 2 "}$ elephant rectangle to the unit to an elephant/background half square triangle as shown below.

12. Sew the unit created in step ten to the unit created in step eleven as shown below.

13. Sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle to the end of the unit created in step twelve as shown below.

14.For row eight, sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " elephant square to a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background rectangle. Sew a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31^{1 / 2 "}$ elephant rectangle to the end as shown below.

14. Sew an elephant/background half square triangle to the unit created in step fourteen as shown below.

15. Sew a $1 \frac{1}{2} / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{1 / 2 "}$ background rectangle to the end of the unit created in step fifteen as shown below.

16. For row nine, sew an elephant/background half square triangle to a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ elephant rectangle as shown below.

17. Sew an elephant/background half square triangle to a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 31 / 2$ " background rectangle as shown below.

18. Sew the unit created in step seventeen to the unit created in step eighteen as shown below.

19. Assemble the rows according to the diagram below:

