Block of the Month – January 2013

Red Cross

**Fabric:** Choose one fabric that reads as red and one which reads as white. You may also select from your scraps for this. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:**
- **Red:**
  - (4) 2” x 2” squares (A)
  - (2) 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares (B)
  - (1) 2 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle (C)
- **White:**
  - (4) 2” x 6 ½” rectangles (D)
  - (4) 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares (E)

**Assembly:**
1. Sew E+B+E for the center top and center bottom. (Hint: chain-piecing on this block works most smoothly if you make two or more blocks at the same time.)
2. Sew the very top row and bottom row of A+D+A.
3. Sew EBE to C on the top and the bottom.
4. Sew the vertical D pieces to the center portion of the block.
5. Finally, sew the very top row to the rest, making sure to line up seams and use pins. Then sew the bottom ADA to the block. Done!

*We decided to do a simple block for January because of the busy-ness of the holiday season. This goes together quickly, so bring some to the January meetings!*

**BOM basics:**
- Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
- Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
- If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).
- For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
- If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
  - Block of the Month
  - Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
  - 1203 Fifth St. SE
  - Minneapolis, MN 55414
- To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
- Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
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