



Pattern of the Month - February 2013

"Cowboy Boot" (12½" unfinished)

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This Cowboy Boot pattern has been requested often since its original appearance as a Block of the Month in 2003, and now it's back! February is Rodeo month in Tucson, so why not celebrate by stitching some fancy cowboy boots? Whether you go to the rodeo or the parade, put on your best boots and kick up your heels! This block is not difficult, there are just squares and rectangles to cut, and only 2 seams to match! Wouldn't this make a fun quilt for a little (or big) Cowboy or Cowgirl?

Boot Leg - (Choose a colorful large scale print, such as scrolls, diamonds, western motifs, or stylized flowers. It's *your* boot - be as traditional or as wild as you like!)

Cut: one - 5½" x 9½"

Foot - (Leather-look, textured, tone on tone, or solid, to coordinate with boot leg fabric)

Cut: one - 3½" x 6½"
one - 1½" x 4"
three - 2½" x 2½"

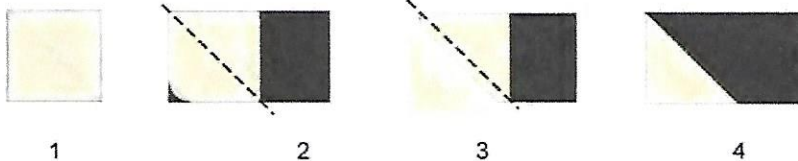
Heel - (Black, brown, or other dark color)

Cut: one - 2½" x 4"

Background: - (Sky blue or any color that contrasts with the boot - a *non-directional fabric works best*)

Cut: one - 2" x 12½"
one - 6" x 9½"
one - 1½" x 3½"
two - 1½" x 1½"
three - 2½" x 2½"

Diagonal corner piecing is used to create all the triangle shapes:



1. Draw a diagonal line on the *wrong side* of each 1½" square and each 2½" square.
2. Place a marked square on the corner of the piece you are adding it to, *right sides together*, and stitch on the line diagonally across the corner.
3. Trim off the corner, leaving ¼" seam allowance.
4. For a more dimensional boot, press each seam allowance as directed in Block Construction, below.

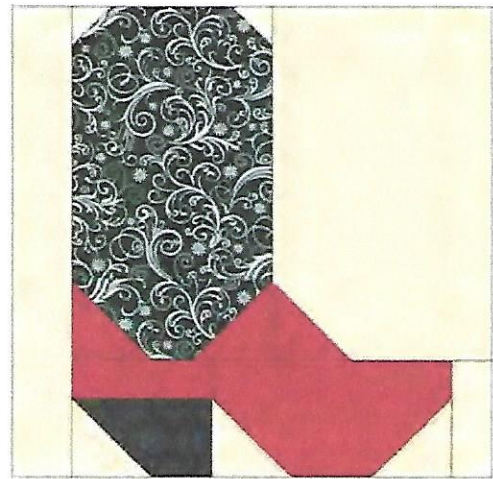
Block Construction (refer to exploded block diagram, above right):

Stitch the 1½" squares of background fabric diagonally to the 2 upper corners of boot leg, and two of the 2½" foot fabric squares to the lower corners of the boot leg. Trim; press these seams toward the boot leg (*away from the corners*). Stitch the remaining 2½" square of foot fabric to the lower left corner of the 6" x 9½" piece of background fabric. Trim; press this seam *toward* the corner. Stitch the above two units together as shown, pinning where the seams match.

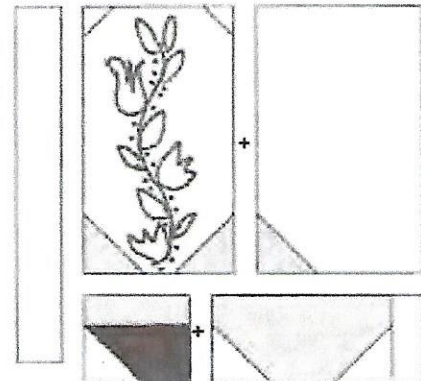
Continue using the same diagonal corner piecing to add a 2½" square of background fabric to the lower left corner of the heel, and to both lower corners of the 3½" x 6½" foot rectangle. Press these seams toward the heel and foot (*away from corners*). Add the small strip of foot fabric to the upper edge of the heel; press away from heel. Add the small strip of background fabric to the right side of the lower foot (at toe).

Stitch the heel and foot units together, pinning where seams match.

Stitch lower boot to upper boot. Finally, add the long background strip to the left side of the block.



Tips: Measure and cut accurately for best results, especially with small pieces. Use scant ¼" seams (1 or 2 threads less than ¼").



(exploded block)