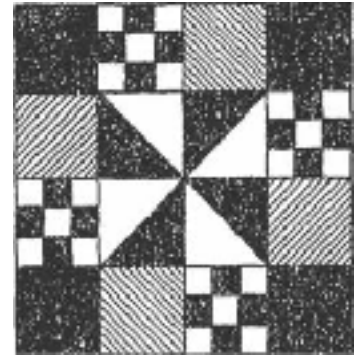


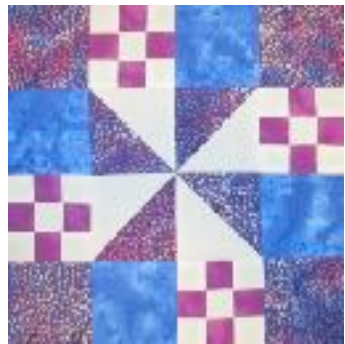
## June 2023 BOM - Lady of the White House

Loretta Rising (pen name Nancy Cabot) was the Needle Work Editor and Columnist for the Chicago Tribune in the 1930's. Each day she featured a single quilt block with an illustration and information about its history. Our first BOM is from her column. Here are her notes:

*"WHITE HOUSE (also called Lady of the White House) is one of the old pieced patterns and was designed shortly after 1865. It is fundamentally a four patch pattern, but one of the most elaborate examples of that type. Two shades of blue and white are combined with a deep ecru, but the effect of the various wings of the White House is readily seen in the completed block."*



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I'm using 2 color ways this year: (1) Americana Blues, Reds & Creams and (2) Batiks in blue, green & purple. But scrappy has a special charm too.

You will need 4 fabrics for this block; A print, a coordinating solid, a contrasting fabric and a background. All directions will be shown in the Americana fabrics.

### **Cutting**

Red Print - four squares 3.5"  
two squares 4.25"

Red solid - one strip 1.5" x 13"  
two strips 1.5" x 7"

Blue - four squares 3.5"

Cream - two squares 4.25"  
two strips 1.5" x 13"  
one strip 1.5" x 7"

## Step 1 - Half Square Triangles (HST)

There are lots of ways to make HST. This is one option but feel free to use your favorite :). Draw a diagonal line on back of cream 4.25" squares. Place RST(right sides together) on red print 4.25 squares. Sew 1/4 inch seam on both sides of the diagonal line. Cut on line. Press to red side and trim to 3.5". You will make 4 HST.



## Step 2 - 9-patches

Sew the two 1.5" x 7" solid red strips to both sides of the 1.5" x 7" cream strip. Press towards the red. Sub-cut into 4 pieces, 1.5" wide.



Make a second strip set, sewing cream 1.5" x 13" strips to both sides of red solid 1.5" x 13" strip. Press to red. Sub-cut into 8 pieces, 1.5" wide.



Layout sub-cut sections as shown and sew together. Seams will nest. Make 4 units.

Press towards the outside.



### Step 3 - Assemble

Lay out all 16 pieces as shown.

\*\*\* Watch direction of the center pinwheel.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Cream against cream and red print against blue.\*\*\*\*

Sew into 4 rows. When sewing HST together, the diagonal seams should nest together.



Press rows in directions shown.



Sew top 2 rows together and bottom 2 rows together, nesting seams. Press open.



Now join top and bottom sections, again nesting seams. Be careful to line up center point of pinwheel. Press open.

And that's it ! A beautiful block to start a new BOM series !

