## Block of the Month November 2017

## THE ALL RECTANGLES BLOCK



There are no squares and no triangles this month!
The block is made completely from rectangles. It may take a little time to cut out because of the different sizes of all the pieces but it won't take long to sew it together.
You can make all of your blocks one colour way or both colour ways.

## COLOURS

The colours for this month are simply RED and BLUE. No pink or burgundy fabric. No pastels or very soft blues. No aqua or teal.
The fabrics can be plain, tone-on-tone like the red strips in the right hand side block, geometric prints or picture prints.
If the prints are directional like the anchors in the above block, they don't need to be all the same direction as in my block.
The majority of our quilts are made for men so please choose gender neutral prints.
We are currently making quite a few quilts for NAVY personnel so it is a good opportunity to use naval theme prints within the red and blue colour scheme. Use 100\% cotton fabrics.

Jan-Maree is working on a special project for the Invictus Games in Australia next year. It sounds very exciting. Our Block of the Month over December and January is going to be
part of this project...but more about this in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please start thinking about Australian print fabrics and Aussie theme fabrics but no questions at this stage please.
Jan-Maree is working very hard on this project to bring it all together.
Please check the Blog on Wednesdays for the post BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILTS
where you can see some of the quilts the Coffs Harbour Sewing Team have made using the Blocks of the Month sent in response to this project.

And now to the BOM for November.
Use $1 / 4$ inch seam allowance.

## CUTTING



Cut one piece $8 \times 71 / 4$ inch
Cut one piece $8 \times 31 / 4$ inch
Cut two pieces $51 / 4 \times 2$ 1/2 inch


Cut one piece $2 \times 11$ inch
Cut one piece $2 \times 121 / 2$ inch


Cut one piece $11 / 2 \times 8$ inch
Cut one piece $11 / 2 \times 11$ inch
Cut one piece $11 / 2 \times 21 / 2$ inch

## CONSTRUCTION



Lay out the three 8 inch long pieces as shown and join together. They must lay in this order.


Press the seams onto the narrow red strip.



Sew the $11 / 2 \times 11$ strip to the lower edge of the above piece.


Lay out the $21 / 2$ inch strips as shown and sew together. Press the seam allowances onto the narrow red strip. Sew to the lower edge of the above piece. Press the seam allowances onto the narrow red strip.


Lay out all the pieces as shown here. Join the $2 \times 11$ inch piece to the lower edge of the block. Press the seam allowance into the red strip. Join the $2 \times 121 / 2$ inch strip to the right hand side of the block and press the seam allowances into the red strip.


And there you have it! Please do not trim off any edges where a fabric may have stretched a tiny bit etc. as ALL blocks will be trimmed to an exact size that is needed for each individual quilt design.


There you have it...the All Rectangles Block!
PDF Version available HERE.
THANK YOU
for all you do for our Aussie Heroes.
We are making a difference to them as they receive our gift of a personalised quilt while deployed serving Australia. Your blocks help to make these quilts possible. In the coming months, you'll see some of these quilts on the Wednesday BOM Quilts Post
and may even be able to pick out your blocks.
Please send your blocks to

## Aussie Hero Quilts

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Remember to include your email address and I can tell you when your blocks have arrived.

Until next time, happy sewing,
Sandy

