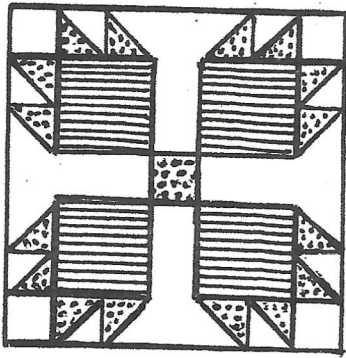


Bear's Paw

DIRECTIONS:



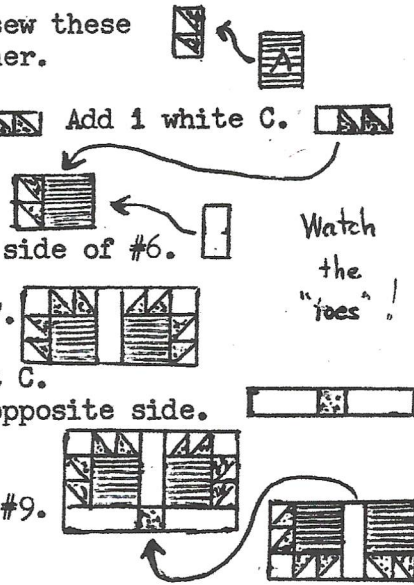
SIZE: 12½" square block which includes ¼" seam allowance

Often a pattern has many names. Sometimes this is a sign of an old pattern. In western Pennsylvania and Ohio this pattern was known as "Bear's Paw". In Long Island it was known as "Duck's-Foot-in-the-Mud". The Quakers who lived between these two areas in eastern Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) called it the "Hand of-Friendship". Surely many of the pioneer women found the prints of a bear's paw in the garden or near the barn!

QUILT: Strips or plain blocks may be used to set this quilt. If plain blocks are used, one will need 21 pieced blocks and 21 plain blocks for a 84"x96" quilt (6x7) with a six inch border. Each "bear's paw" block could be made from a different dark and print combination (scrap quilt) or it could be made using the same combination for each block.

Material estimate: 45"
 8 yds white
 1½ yds dark plain or print
 2½ yds light print
 Cut border first, 21 plain blocks second, pieces last.

1. Make cardboard patterns and trace on wrong side of materials. Cut material.
2. Sew 1 white B and 1 print B together on long side.
3. Repeat #2. Then sew these two sections together.
4. Sew #3 to A.
5. Repeat #2 and #3. Add 1 white C. (Reverse claws)
6. Sew #5 to #4.
7. Sew 1 D to proper side of #6.
8. Repeat #2 - #5.
9. Turn and sew to #7.
10. Sew 1 D to 1 print C.
11. Add another D to opposite side.
12. Sew #11 to #9.
13. Repeat #2 through #9.
14. Turn. Sew to #12.



D

Cut 4 white

HINT: Sandpaper or manila folders make good cardboard patterns!

C

Cut 4 white
1 print

B

Cut 16 white
16 print

A

Cut 4 dark

A SECRET OF PATCHWORK...

CUT
PIECES
ACCURATELY!!!

¼" seam allowance