

## 2008 Mystery Quilted Wall Hanging February Block of the Month:

# Tomato Pincushion

This year's blocks will make a cute row quilt wallhanging for your sewing room. Or, you could use the blocks on kitchen towels, potholders, gifts or sewing room items. You need just three fabrics to create this month's tomato pincushion. All of the patterns this year will have a mandatory white or white on white fabric background for continuity in the block exchange. Block will square up to 6 1/2". You will need four of these blocks for your row quilt, plus some for the exchange.

### For each block you will need:

#### White background fabric:

One 2" x 7" strip for the top of the block

One 1" x 7" strip for the bottom of the block

Two 1 1/2" x 5" strips for the sides

Four 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares for the corners of the tomato

#### Red fabric:

One 5" square for the tomato pincushion

#### Green fabric:

Two 2" squares for the leaves

Place a 1 1/2" white square on each corner of the red square, right sides together. Stitch diagonally across each white square and press toward the corner to create your tomato shape. Do not trim the white squares. Sew on the white side strips. Sew the bottom white strip on.

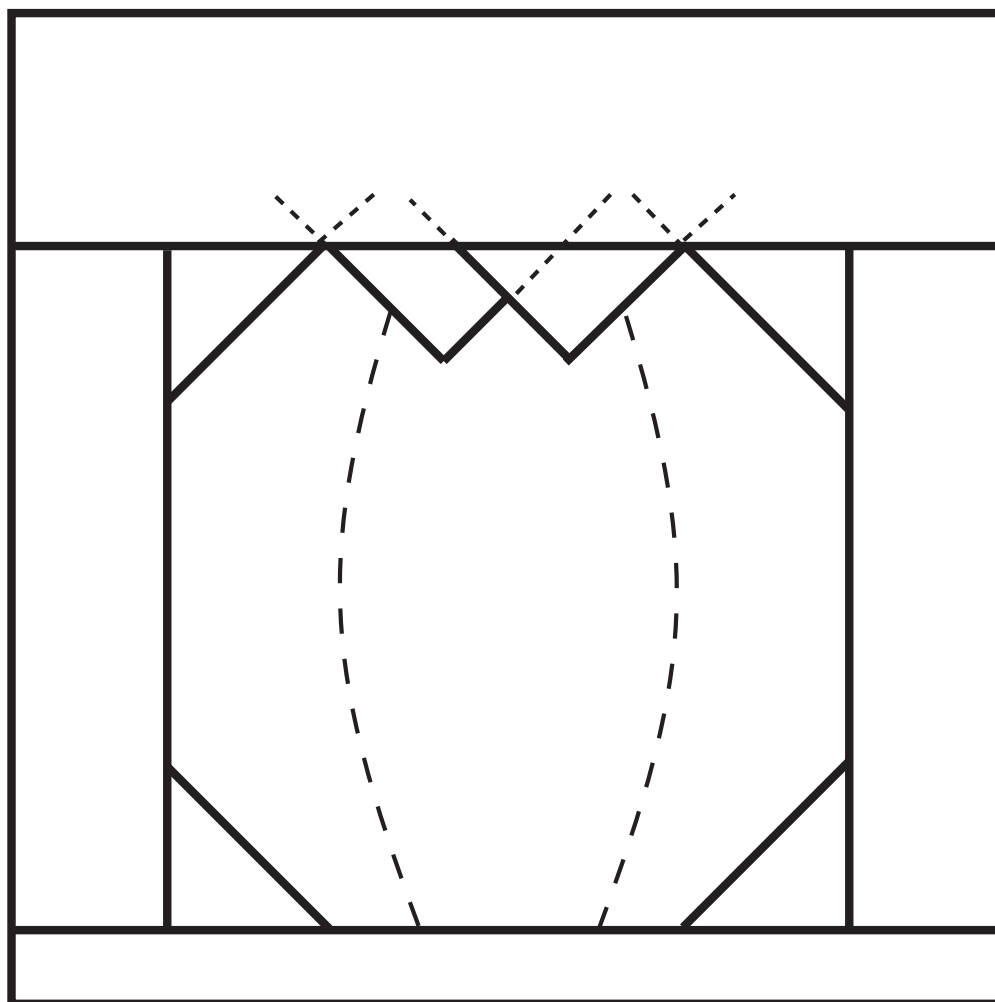
Fold the green squares in half diagonally, press, fold in half diagonally again and press. These are "prairie points" and will become the "leaves" of your pincushion. Position the prairie point leaves with all raw edges together and green triangle edges 1/4" over the top red tomato edges, and baste in place. You can position these at different heights, or use just one leaf—whatever you choose. Add the top white strip, enclosing the prairie points and your block is almost complete.

Trim the white strip on the bottom of your block to 1/2". Square the block to 6 1/2".

You could satin stitch "pins" in your pincushion, but I think I'll use real pins—it will be faster and add three dimensions. You can add vertical lines in your tomato now or when you machine or hand quilt it.

For each block you turn in, your name goes into a drawing to win a row of blocks. Enter as many blocks as you wish. When you make an item with your won blocks, you get a bottle of "Sew-Da," bottled right here in the Spokane Valley --just for us! It's full of yummy fiber!

Any questions? Please call Lynda Burns 927-0848.



## KSOQS Raffle Quilt 2008

It is time to put the quilt together for KSOQS to benefit the VBCN.

Those of you who still have blocks please turn them in. We will be putting the blocks together February 2nd, Saturday 9 am - 2 pm at BeLinda's Place, 1015 E. 9th Ave.

"Where everybody is of Kindred Spirits." Also bring something to share for lunch. I want to thank you for your support in putting on the quilt show.

It is fun for us but helps our community VBCN.

Any questions please feel free to call. BeLinda 535-6832 or 999-9447