Flower of the Month Club
January Carnation

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January 2008 – Carnations by Ro Gregg for Northcott
Quilt Design by Nancy Mahoney
Finished Quilt: 56 1/2" square ~~~~~~ Finished Block: 35"

Yardage
Block and Borders -
1 3/4 yard of 2027-1
(Carnations on green)

Block, Border and Binding -
1 yard of 2026-1
(Pink Carnations)

Block and Border -
3/4 yard of 2792-68
(Small Carnations on cream)
5/8 yard of 2028-1
(Carnations on black)

Block -
1/2 yard of 2791-26
(Re Carnations)
1/2 yard of 2883-12
(Cream bugs)
1/4 yard of 2793-30
(Large Carnations on cream)

Backing -
3 1/2 yards of any Carnation fabric

(All strips are cut across the width of the fabric unless indicated otherwise.)

Cutting
Carnations-on-black:
• (4) 1 1/4" x 35 1/2" strips
• (1) 5 1/2" square
• (4) 4 1/2" squares
• (24) 3" squares

Pink Carnations:
• (6) 2 1/4" x 42" binding strips
• (5) 2" x 42" border strips
• (2) 6 1/4" square; cut twice diagonally to yield (8) triangles
• (8) 3" squares.

Carnations-on-green, from the lengthwise grain:
• (2) 5 1/2" x 56 1/2" strips
• (2) 5 1/2" x 46 1/2" strips
• (4) 2" x 35 1/2" strips
• (16) 3" squares

Small-Carnations-on-cream:
• (4) 2 1/4" x 35 1/2" strips
• (1) 6 1/4" square; cut twice diagonally to yield (4) triangles
• (4) 5 7/8" squares
• (4) 5 1/2" squares.

Red Carnations:
• (12) 5 7/8" squares

Large-Carnations-on-cream:
• (1) 6 1/4" square; cut twice diagonally to yield (4) triangles
• (4) 5 1/2" squares

Cream Bugs:
• (8) 5 7/8" squares

Construction

Block
1. Sew two 3" carnations-on-black squares and two pink-carnations squares together to make a four-patch unit. Make four black/pink units.

2. Sew two 3" carnations-on-black squares and two carnations-on-green squares together to make a four-patch unit. Make eight black/green units.

3. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 5 7/8" cream bugs squares. Layer the marked squares and red-carnations squares in pairs, with right sides together. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line to yield two half-square triangle units; press. Make 16 red/cream bugs units.
4. Repeat step 3 using the 5 7/8" small-carnations-on-cream squares and the remaining red-carnations squares. Make eight red/small-carnations units.

5. Sew one 6 1/4" large-carnation-on-cream triangle, one small-carnation-on-cream triangle, and two pink-carnation triangles together as shown; press. Make four hourglass units.

6. Arrange one black/pink four-patch unit, two black/green four-patch units, four red/cream bugs units, and two red/small-carnations units as shown, so that the black squares form a diagonal line. Sew the units together in rows; press. Sew the rows together, press. Repeat to make four corner units.

7. Sew one hourglass unit between one 5 1/2" small-carnations-on-cream square and one 5 1/2" large-carnation-on-cream square as shown. Be sure to position the hourglass unit correctly.

8. Sew four corner units from step 6, four units from step 7, and one 5 1/2" carnations-on-black square together to make a block as shown below; press. The block should measure 35 1/2" square, which includes seam allowances.

**Quilt Assembly**

9. Sew a 1 1/4" x 35 1/2" carnations-on-black strip to one long side of each 2 1/4" x 35 1/2" small-carnation-on-cream strip. Press the seams toward the black strip. Then sew a 2" x 35 1/2" carnations-on-green strip to the other long side of the black strip as shown to make a border strip; press. Make four border strips.

10. Sew a border strip from step 9 to opposite sides of the block. Sew a 4 1/2" carnations-on-black square to the ends of each remaining border strip and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. Press all seams toward the newly added borders.

11. Sew the 2"-wide pink-carnations strips end to end to make a long strip. From the long strip, cut two 43 1/2"-long strips and sew them to the sides of the quilt. From the remaining long strip, cut two 46 1/2"-long strips and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top. Press all seams toward the newly added borders.

12. Sew the 5 1/2" x 46 1/2" carnations-on-green strips to the sides of the quilt top, then sew the 5 1/2" x 56 1/2" strips to the top and bottom of the quilt top. Press all seams toward the newly added borders.

13. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind the edges to finish.