



GRANDMOTHER'S FAN

GRANDMOTHER'S FAN is a good old pattern in which to use silks and woolens. Instead of calling for fancy quilting, too, it is practical when interlined with an old wool blanket and simply tacked at intervals. Each foundation block must be 12 inches square, although the face material does not have to extend under the fan, but a seam. To this foundation block of muslin or whatever is used, are sewed the six assorted color blocks, the first one just basted on with raw edges. The others are sewed joining with edge to edge a seam back and turned over each time into the fan. This method is called making a "pressed quilt."

At the top edge, the raw edge of these pieces is covered by the small black fan, while the wider arc at the base may be hemmed back or finished each time with a scrap of fancy braid. Embroidery stitches often embellished the old-time "Grandmother's Fan." These pattern units do not allow for seams.

This quilt finishes about 72 by 84 inches and includes 42 pieced blocks, 6 blocks wide by 7 blocks long.

Material estimate: You will require 5 1/2 yards of muslin for the twelve-inch foundation blocks, 1 yard black for the corner, and 4 1/2 yards or 3/4 yard each of six assorted colors, a total of 11 yards. The fans would be very dainty in rainbow tints, as shading yellow, green, blue, orchid, pink, and orange.