## SANTA ROSA QUILT GUILT JANUARY 2012 BLOCK OF THE MONTH Due February 1, 2012



12 ½ inches unfinished

You will need one RED 2 ½" square and five LIGHT value fabrics of your choice (light brown/tan/beige) cut in 1 ½" strips plus five DARK value fabrics (medium/dark brown prints or plain), cut in the same widths. Lengths of these strips will vary from 2 ½" to 12 ½". Please refer to the above photo for guidance.



Starting with a 2 1/2" length of your first dark fabric, with right sides together, and using a scant 1/4" seam, sew this to the TOP of your center block. Square off end if needed. Press the seam to the outside ...



Then, add the second strip of your first dark to the right hand side of this new block...(about 3-1/2" long strip)



Working in a clockwise direction, continue to add strips...the next will be your first light fabric( about 3-1/2" long)...square off as needed...you will be adding two lights, two darks, two lights, two darks, etc...until you have five strips on each of the four sides surrounding the center "chimney"

## TIP

I find that I need to take a scant 1/4" seam (that is, about two threads less than 1/4") in order for my measurements to come out correctly. This is because the pressing takes up a few threads. Try this if your sample strip is too small.

## TIP

If you're using both light and dark fabrics in your quilt, use a medium gray thread. It will not show through the fabric.