

ROSE CROSS

APPLIQUE is one of the most popular branches of the quilt making art and it is for lovers of applique that the "Rose Cross" is offered.

Unlike piecing, applique offers diversifications and embellishments. The patterns may be made just as elaborate as the maker chooses and her originality has more chance to assert itself.

This pattern shows a decorative combination of a cross motif and a foundation rose pattern. The colors are optional but there is no prettier combination than the ones suggested here in yellow, rose and pink with the leaves developed in green.

The Rose Cross may be appliqued onto a white 12-inch square and the group of them set together lattice fashion with green strips that are 3 inches wide and 12 inches long when finished, filling in at the end of the strips with a 3-inch rose square. You can also make a 3-inch border all around of the same color or build an applique one similar to the corner sketch using bias tape for the stem.

Material Estimate: To make the quilt five blocks wide and six blocks long takes 30 blocks. These with the strips make a quilt about 78x96 inches, and will require 4 1/2 yards white, 2 1/2 yards rose, 1 yard pink, 3 of green, and 1/6 yard yellow.

