

## ROUGE VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### MARCH 2009 - WATERING CAN

The Watering Can pattern is designed to be appliqued by any method you wish (fusible web, freezer paper applique, needle turn applique etc). It can be all one colour if you wish, but it looks good when the handle, can top and spout top are a different colour from the body of the can.

We intended this block to replace two of the flower pots on the flower pot row. However, you can choose to do this or maybe do a whole row of watering cans. Until you have decided, we suggest using a background square measuring 10" X 10" and cut it to size when you are ready to incorporate it into a row. For example, if used to replace 2 Flower Pot blocks, the background piece should be cut down to 8½" wide by 8 ½" tall after appliqueing. If you decide to make a whole row of Watering Can blocks, the background piece will be trimmed to 9 ½" tall X 9 ½" wide after appliqueing (4 blocks in a row).

If you are printing the pattern from your computer, be sure to set the printer scale to 100% or "no scaling". To check your scaling, there is a one inch line printed on the pattern. Since the block size is determined by the background square, small variations in the size of the watering can will not be critical.

If you are new to applique this is a great way to get started. Ask a Guild member to help you or check out a book from the library.