

Block of the Month: How Does My Garden Grow?

March 2009: Cactus Flower Bud

Size Finished: 12" block
(12 1/2" with seam allowance)

Colors:

Dark Green Solid

White-Solid or small print

Rotary Cut Pieces:

From White:

Cut three (3) 4 7/8" squares and cut one (1) 4 1/2" squares.

From Green:

Cut three (3) 4 7/8" squares and cut two (2) 4 1/2" squares.

Putting it together:

Step 1: Draw a diagonal line on the back of each White 4 7/8" squares. Place a White square on top of a Green 4 7/8" square, right sides together.

Step 2: Stitch 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line. Cut along the diagonal line and press the seam to the Green side. Make (6) green and white half square triangle units.

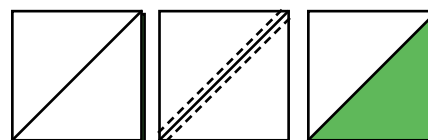
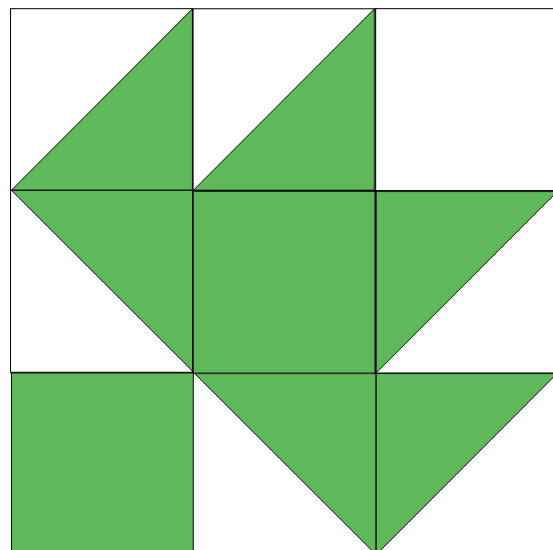
Step 3: Sew two units created in Step 2 to one white 4 1/2" square as shown in row 1 of the quilt block diagram.

Step 4: Sew one unit created in Step 2 to each side of one green 4 1/2" square as shown in row 2 of the quilt block diagram.

Step 5: Sew one green 4 1/2" square to two units created in step 2, as shown in row 3 of the quilt block diagram.

Step 6: Sew the three rows together as shown in the quilt block diagram.

Step 5: Press, trim to 12 1/2" square.



Making half-square triangle units

April 2009: Tulip Block

Size Finished: 12" block
(12 1/2" with seam allowance)

Colors:

Tulip Colors-Solid

Green-Solid or small print

White-Solid or small print

Rotary Cut Pieces:

From White: Cut four (4) 3 7/8" squares and two (2) 3 1/2" squares.

From Tulip color:

Cut two (2) 3 7/8" squares and two (2) 3 1/2" squares.

From Green:

Cut four (4) 3 7/8" squares and cut two (2) 3 1/2" squares.

Putting It Together:

Step 1: Draw a diagonal line on the back of each White 3 7/8" square. Place a White square on top of three (3) Green 3 7/8" squares, and one (1) tulip color 3 7/8" square, right sides together.

Step 2: Draw a diagonal line on the back of one (1) Green 3 7/8" square. Place on one (1) Tulip color square, right sides together.

Step 3: Stitch 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line in step one and 2.

Step 4: Cut along the diagonal line and press the seam to the green side. Make (10) half square triangle units.

Step 5: Sew the two units created with white and tulip color in Step 2 between two white 3 1/2" squares as shown in row 1 of the quilt block diagram.

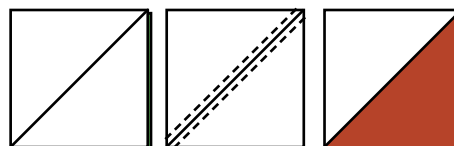
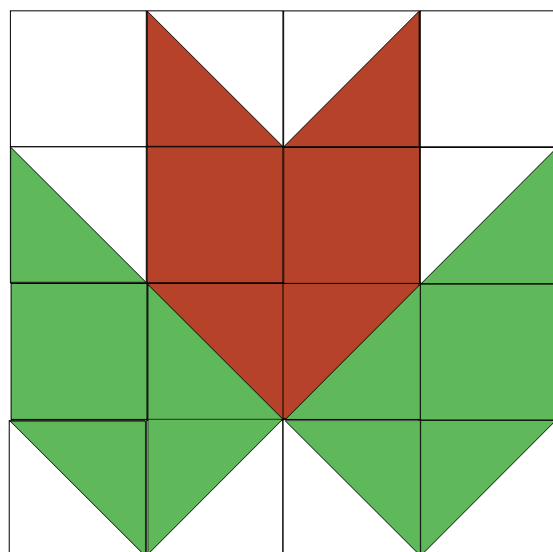
Step 6: Sew two (2) white and green units created in Step 2 between two tulip color 3 1/2" squares as shown in row 2.

Step 7: Sew two (2) tulip and green units created in Step 2 between two green 3 1/2" squares as shown in row 3 of the quilt block diagram.

Step 8: Sew four (4) white and green units created in Step 2 together as shown in row 4 of the quilt block diagram.

Step 9: Sew the four rows together as shown in the quilt block diagram.

Step 5: Press, trim to 12 1/2" square.



Making half-square triangle units