

How Does Your Garden Grow Block

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ONE BLOCK:

- Four 3 1/2" squares "petal" fabric
- Four 1 1/2" squares "flower center" fabric
- Four 1 1/2" squares white background fabric
- Two (2) 3 1/4" x 4 1/4" white background fabric
- Two (2) 3 1/4" x 3 3/4" green leaf fabric
- One (1) 1" x 6 1/2" green leaf fabric
- One (1) 1" x 4 1/2" green leaf fabric

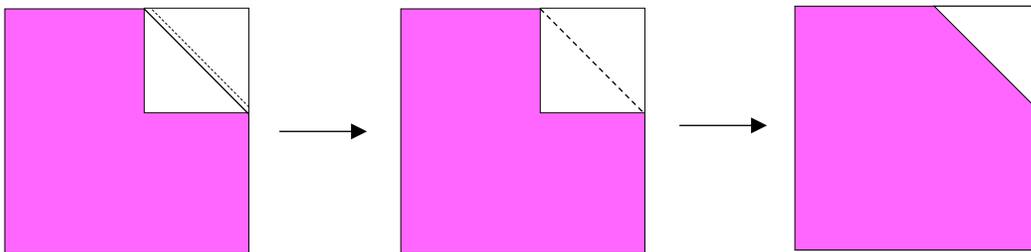
DIRECTIONS:

To make the flower:

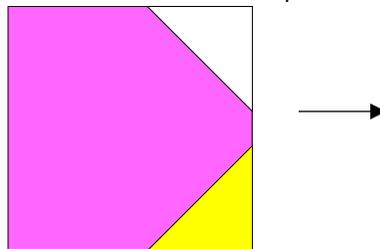
1. Draw a diagonal pencil line on the wrong side of the four (4) 1 1/2" white background squares and the four (4) 1 1/2" center squares.



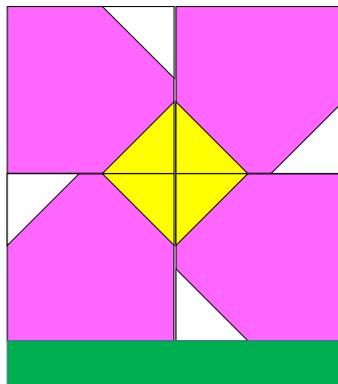
2. Place a white 1 1/2" background square in the top right corner of **each** 3 1/2" petal square. Sew on the pencil line and trim a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward petal fabric.



3. Place a 1 1/2" flower center square in the bottom right corner of the petal square. Using the same process as in Step 2, sew on the pencil line and trim a 1/4" seam allowance. Press toward petal fabric. Trim, if needed, to 3 1/2" square.

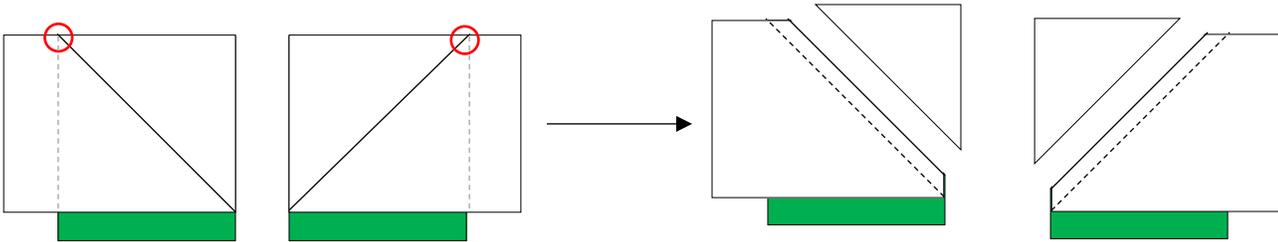


4. Sew the four petals together with a 1/4" seam, creating the flower. Sew the 1" x 6 1/2" green leaf fabric strip to the bottom of the flower.

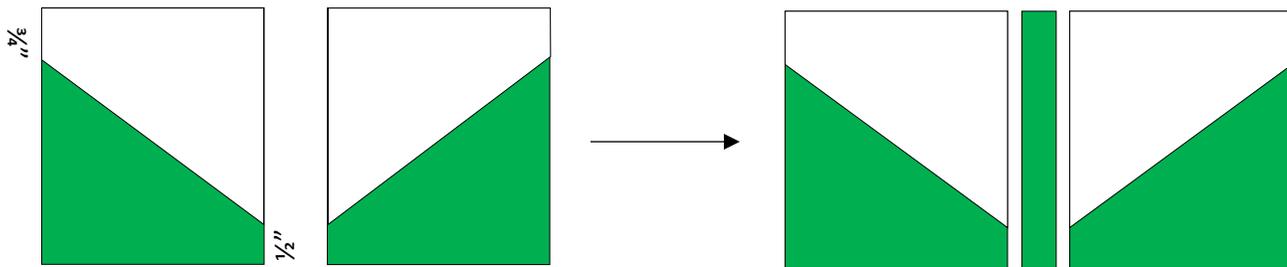


To make the leaf and stem portion of the block:

1. It works best to lay out these pieces before you mark and sew them to make sure you are creating mirror images of each other. Right sides together, place a white $3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 4''$ background fabric on the $3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$ green leaf fabric as pictured for both leaves. Leaves will be mirror images of each other.
2. Draw a pencil line on the background fabric and sew on the pencil line as pictured. Note: it's important that you draw your pencil line accurately. The bottom corner is easy to find, but the top point (red circle) is more difficult to locate since your petal fabric is hidden behind the background fabric. (The edge of the green petal fabric, which is actually under the background fabric, is shown by the grey dashed line.) Double check placement of line to make sure you have accurately intersected the corner of the petal fabric. Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}''$ and press toward background fabric.



3. Each leaf section should measure $3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$. Join the two leaf sections together with the $1'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ leaf/stem fabric. Press toward stem fabric.



4. Join the flower section to the leaf/stem section of the block creating a $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$ (unfinished) flower.

