

Fresh Flower Layer Cake Block

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Fabric used in my block is from the Modern Workshop by Liesel Gibson for Moda

Requirements:

- 1 Yellow layer cake square (or the equivalent) for the bud
- 1 pink and 1 red layer cake square (or the equivalents) for the flower
- 1 green layer cake square for the leaves
- 2 background layer cake squares or 1 fat quarter

Cutting:

Cut (1) 3" x 3" square from the yellow **and** from the green

Also from the green cut (1) 2 ½" x 6" and (1) 2 ½" x 8" rectangles.

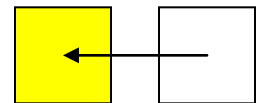
Cut (1) 3" x 5 ½" rectangle, and cut (1) 3" x 8" rectangle from the pink

Cut (2) 3" x 8" rectangles from the red

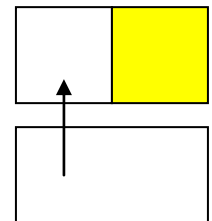
Cut (5) 3" x 3" squares, and cut (1) 3" x 5 ½" rectangle, and (2) 2 ½" x 7" rectangles all from the background fabric

Sewing:

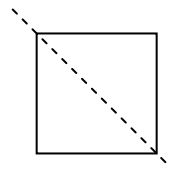
1. Take the 3" yellow square and one of the 3" background squares and place them with right sides together. Sew a ¼" seam along one side. Press to the darker fabric.



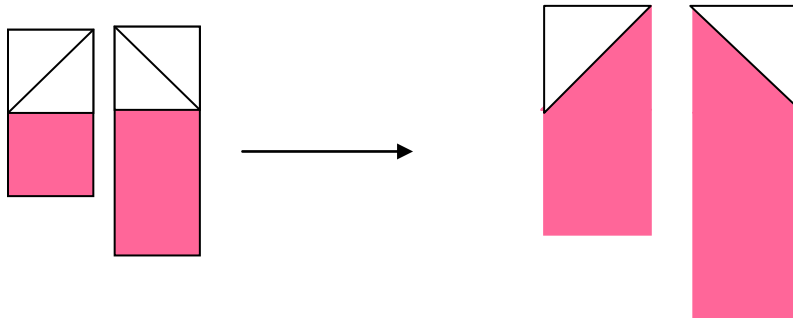
2. Take the 3" x 5 ½" background rectangle and pin and sew it with right sides together to the unit from step 1.



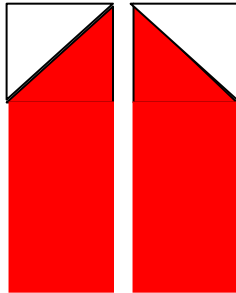
3. Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the wrong side of each of the four remaining 3" x 3" squares.



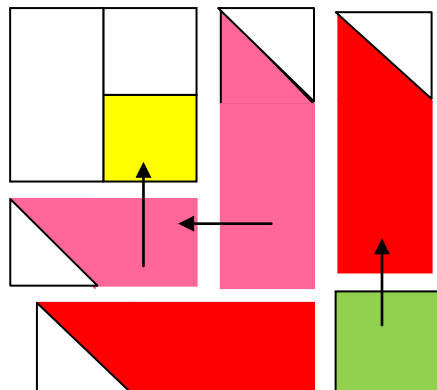
- Take one 3" x 3" background square, and place it with right sides together on the 3" x 5 1/2" pink rectangle. Note in the diagram below, the drawn line goes from the bottom left to the top right side of the square. Pin it into place. Then repeat with the 3" x 8" pink rectangle. Note on the larger rectangle the drawn line goes from the bottom right to the top left side of the square. Be sure this is how you sew them! Sew along the drawn line of each square. Press the background square back and trim off the two layers under it.



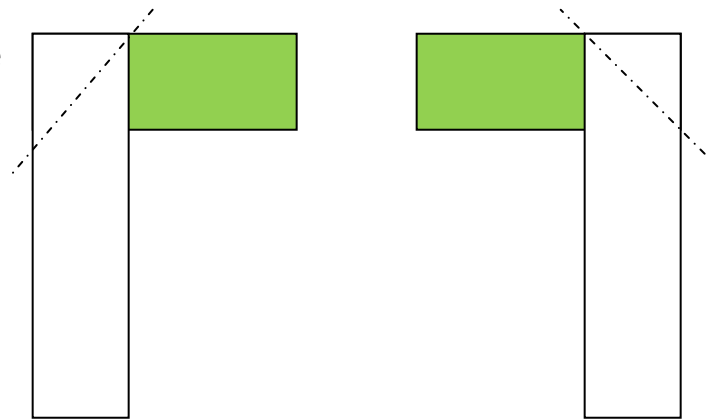
- Repeat step 4 with the remaining two background 3" x 3" squares and the two red 3" x 8" rectangles.



- Following the diagram, pin and sew with right sides together the 3" x 5 1/2" pink rectangle piece to the left side of the square "bud" unit. Press the seam. Then take the remaining pink rectangle piece and pin and sew it to the right side of the main bud unit. Press the seam.
- Take the green 3" x 3" square and pin and sew it to the solid end of one of the red rectangles.
- Take the other red rectangle and pin and sew it to the left side of the unit. Press the seam.
- Then take the red rectangle with the green square on the end and pin and sew it to the right side of the unit. Press the whole unit.



10. Take the Green rectangles and lay them out on a flat surface in front of you. Now take each of the background rectangles and place them directly on top of the green rectangle pieces as shown in the diagram below. Then draw a diagonal line on the back of each background piece as shown below. This is your sewing line. Pin the rectangles in the right angles as shown and sew on the drawn lines on each. (This is the same concept as when you join two pieces of binding strips, but these will be sewn in opposite directions.) Press the background pieces up to reveal the angle. Trim the two layers at the back of each piece.



11. Sew the shorter of the two strips to the left side of the block unit. Press the seam. Then pin and sew the remaining strip to the right side of the block unit. Press the seam and your block is done. The block should measure 12 1/2" square.

