

POINSETTIA BLOCK

Pieced block design with half square triangles, quarter square triangles, and squares.

Designed for the *I Wish You a Merry Quilt Along, 2017*.



REQUIREMENTS

Fabrics

Dark red petals: Cut four 4" squares.

Light pink petals: Cut four 4" squares.

Green leaves: Cut two 4 1/2" squares.

White background: Cut two 4 1/2" squares and four 3 1/2" squares.

Yellow flower center: Cut one circle approximately 1" .

Tools Needed: sewing machine, rotary cutter, cutting mat, scissors, ruler, iron

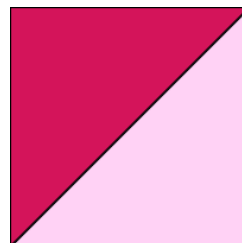
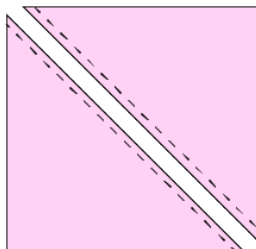
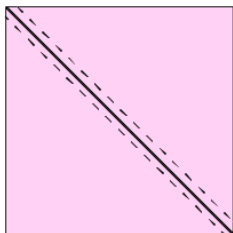
TIP: For a scrappier look, try using four different dark and four different light fabrics for the petals.

PATTERN NOTES

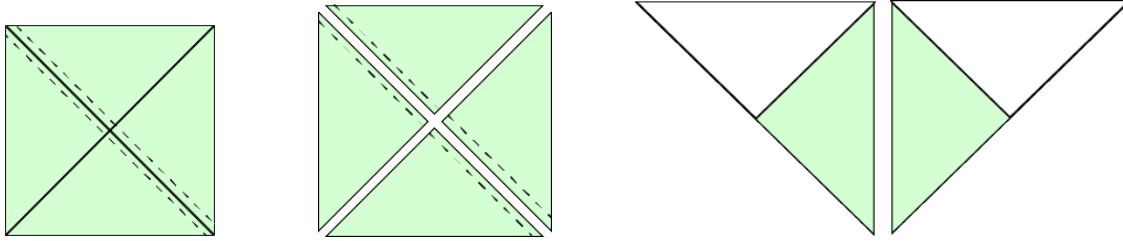
- Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Finished block size is 12" x 12".
- RST means place fabric with Right Sides Together.

ASSEMBLY

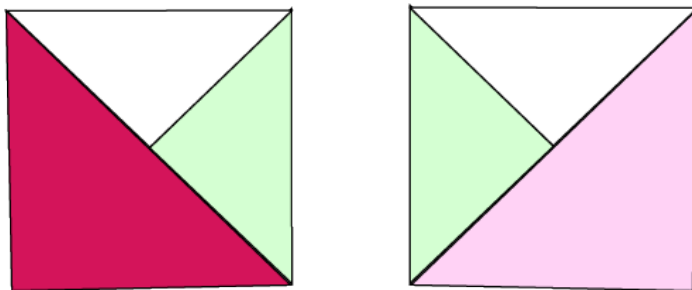
Red/Pink Squares – Place 4" red square and 4" pink square RST. Mark diagonal line and sew 1/4" from each side of line. Cut along line and press seams open. Make two sets. Trim to 3 1/2" square.



Green/White Triangles – Place 4 1/2" green square and 4 1/2" white square RST. Mark diagonal line and sew 1/4" from each side of line. Cut along line and without moving the pieces cut along the other diagonal. Press seams open. Make two sets. Don't trim yet.



Red or Pink and Green/White Squares – Cut the remaining 4" red and pink squares along the diagonal to make triangles. Sew the red and pink triangles to the green/white triangles as shown. Notice the orientation is opposite for the red and pink units. Don't worry if the red and pink triangles are not exactly the same size as the green/white triangles. Just place the long edges RST and make sure the red or pink points line up on the green/white seam line. Press seams open and trim to 3 1/2" square.



Assemble Whole Block – Lay out squares as shown in the block picture. Sew squares together for each row, then sew the rows together. Trim block to 12 1/2" square.

Yellow Center – Appliqué a yellow circle to the center of the flower, either by machine or by hand. Alternately, you can add a button or sequins for the center after you have finished quilting.

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