

2022 Block of the Month: It's Christmas All Year Long

Block #8: Poinsettia

Instructions:

You will need four fabrics:

Fabric A: Background fabric

Fabric B: Leaves

Fabric C: Flower

Fabric D: Center



Cutting:

From Fabric A: Cut the following

Sixteen - $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From Fabric B: Cut the following

Eight - $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From Fabric C: Cut the following

Eight - $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From Fabric D: Cut the following

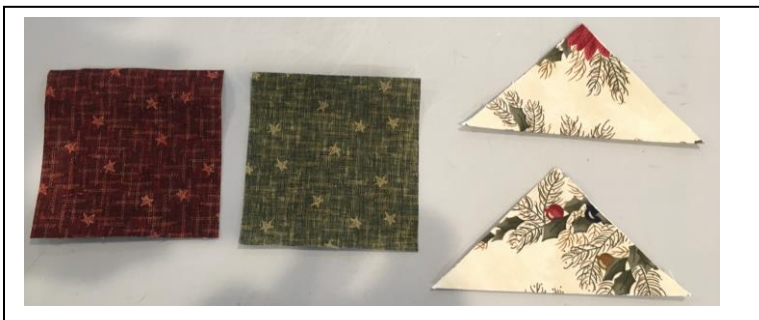
One - 1" circle



Sewing:

Step 1: Due to the bulk, use scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams throughout for sewing, unless otherwise instructed.

Step 2: Press the Fabric A squares in half on the diagonal, with wrong sides together (WST), to form triangles. Layer the Fabric A triangles on each square of Fabric B and C.



Baste the raw edges about $\frac{1}{8}$ " from edge.



Fold back the edge of the triangle. Curve the fold from each edge to the center. Press.



Stitch the folded curve from raw edge to raw edge.



Step 3: Per the photo, lay the blocks out in rows. Sew the rows together. Press the even rows in one direction and the odd rows in the opposite direction. Join the rows.



Step 4: Applique the small circle of Fabric D on the center of the block.

Block #8, Poinsettia, will measure 12 ½" by 12 ½" unfinished and 12" by 12" in the quilt.

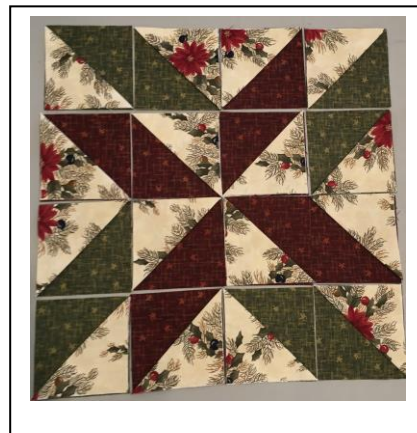
Option for Poinsettia block construction:

Cut the following:

Eight - 4" squares from Fabric A

Four - 4" squares each from Fabric B and Fabric C

Make Half Square Triangles (HST). Layer right sides together (RST) the following 4" squares: Four Fabric A with four Fabric B. Four Fabric A with four Fabric C. Draw a line on the diagonal on the layered squares. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press open. Trim the HST to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square. You will need eight Fabric A/B HSTs and eight Fabric A/C HSTs.



Lay the HSTs out in rows. Sew the rows together. Press the even rows in one direction and the odd rows in the opposite direction. Join the rows. Applique the small circle of Fabric D on the center of the block.