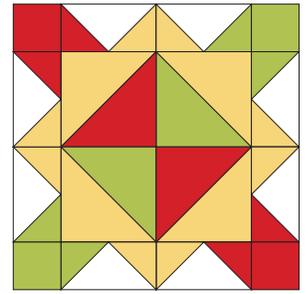


I named my block "Focal Point" because there is actually a defining moment in my sewing journey that I'll never forget. Just over eight years ago I quit my "real" job and decided to buy a long arm quilting machine. I knew from then that I wanted to be involved in the quilting industry, I just didn't quite know what my place in the community was. After quilting, and sewing, and playing around in the industry for a few years I sat down with my sister, and she helped me narrow my focus. I decided then that I would focus on machine quilting and piecing, and my secondary focus would be designing quilts. That moment, as insignificant as it may seem, helped me figure out who I am and where I needed to focus my attention. I am so thankful for that day. It's led to a really happy career in the quilting industry. My block almost has arrows that point toward the center of the block, which is the focal point.



Focal Point

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

Requirements

- # 3" x 10" piece of white fabric
- # 5" x 10" piece of green fabric
- # 5" x 10" piece of pink fabric
- # 5" x 10" piece of yellow fabric

Cutting Instructions

From the white fabric cut:

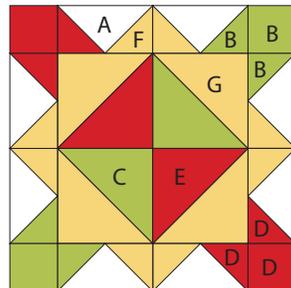
- ≈ 8 rectangles - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" (A)

From the green fabric cut:

- ≈ 6 squares - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (B)
- ≈ 1 square - 3" x 3" (C)

From the pink fabric:

- ≈ 6 squares - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (D)
- ≈ 1 square - 3" x 3" (E)



From the yellow fabric cut:

- ≈ 8 squares - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" (F)
- ≈ 2 squares - 3" x 3" (G)

Preparation

On the wrong side of 4 each of B and D and all of C, E, F and G draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.

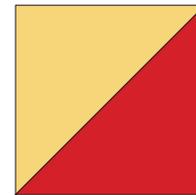
Block Assembly

Step 1.

1. Place one pink and one yellow 3" square together, right sides together.
2. Sew a straight line 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal draw line.
3. Cut along the diagonal draw line.
4. Press toward the darker fabric.

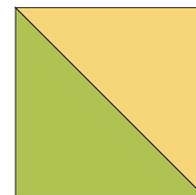
5. Square up the block to 2 1/2" square.

6. Repeat, you should have two half square triangle blocks.



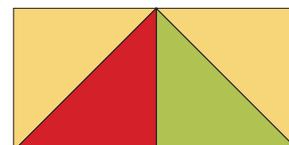
Step 2.

1. Place one green and one yellow 3" square together, right sides together.
2. Sew a straight line 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal draw line.
3. Cut along the diagonal draw line.
4. Press toward the darker fabric.
5. Square up the block to 2 1/2" square.
6. Repeat, you should have two half square triangle blocks.



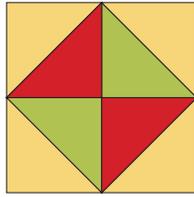
Step 3.

1. Sew one pink and yellow half square triangle unit from step one to one green and yellow half square triangle unit from step 2. Press.
2. Repeat, make two of these units.



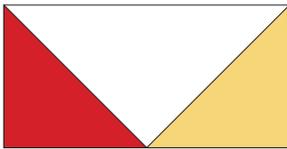
Step 4.

1. Sew the two units from step 3 together. Press. Set this unit aside.



Step 5.

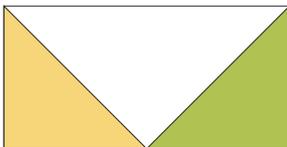
2. Place one pink 1 1/2" square on the bottom left corner of one white 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" strip.
3. Sew along the diagonal line.
4. Trim 1/4" outside of the stitch line. Press toward the darker fabric.
5. Place one yellow 1 1/2" square on the bottom right corner of the pink and white unit.
6. Sew along the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" outside of the stitch line. Press toward the darker fabric.
7. Repeat, make a total of two of these units.



8. Repeat this process, but reverse the fabric locations, you will need two flying geese units with the yellow on the bottom left and pink on the bottom right.

Step 6.

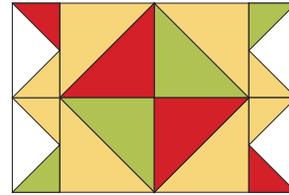
1. Place one yellow 1 1/2" square on the bottom left corner of one white 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" strip.
2. Sew along the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" outside of the stitch line.
3. Press toward the darker fabric.
4. Place one green 1 1/2" square on the bottom right corner of the pink and white unit.
5. Sew along the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" outside of the stitch line.
6. Press toward the darker fabric.
7. Repeat, make a total of two of these units.



8. Repeat this process, but reverse the fabric locations, you will need two flying geese units with the yellow on the bottom right and green on the bottom left.

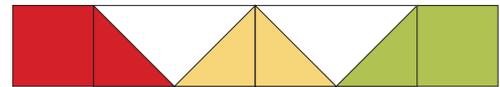
Step 7.

1. Sew one pink and yellow and one yellow and green flying geese unit together. Press.
2. Repeat, make two of these units.
3. Sew the two units to the sides of the unit that you created in step 4. Press. Set this unit aside.



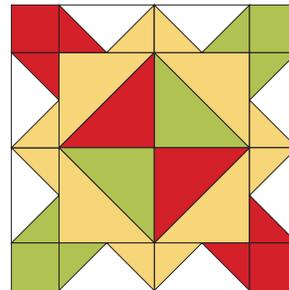
Step 8.

1. Sew one pink 1 1/2" square, one pink and yellow flying geese unit, one yellow and green flying geese unit and one, 1 1/2" green square together. Press.
2. Repeat, make two of these units.

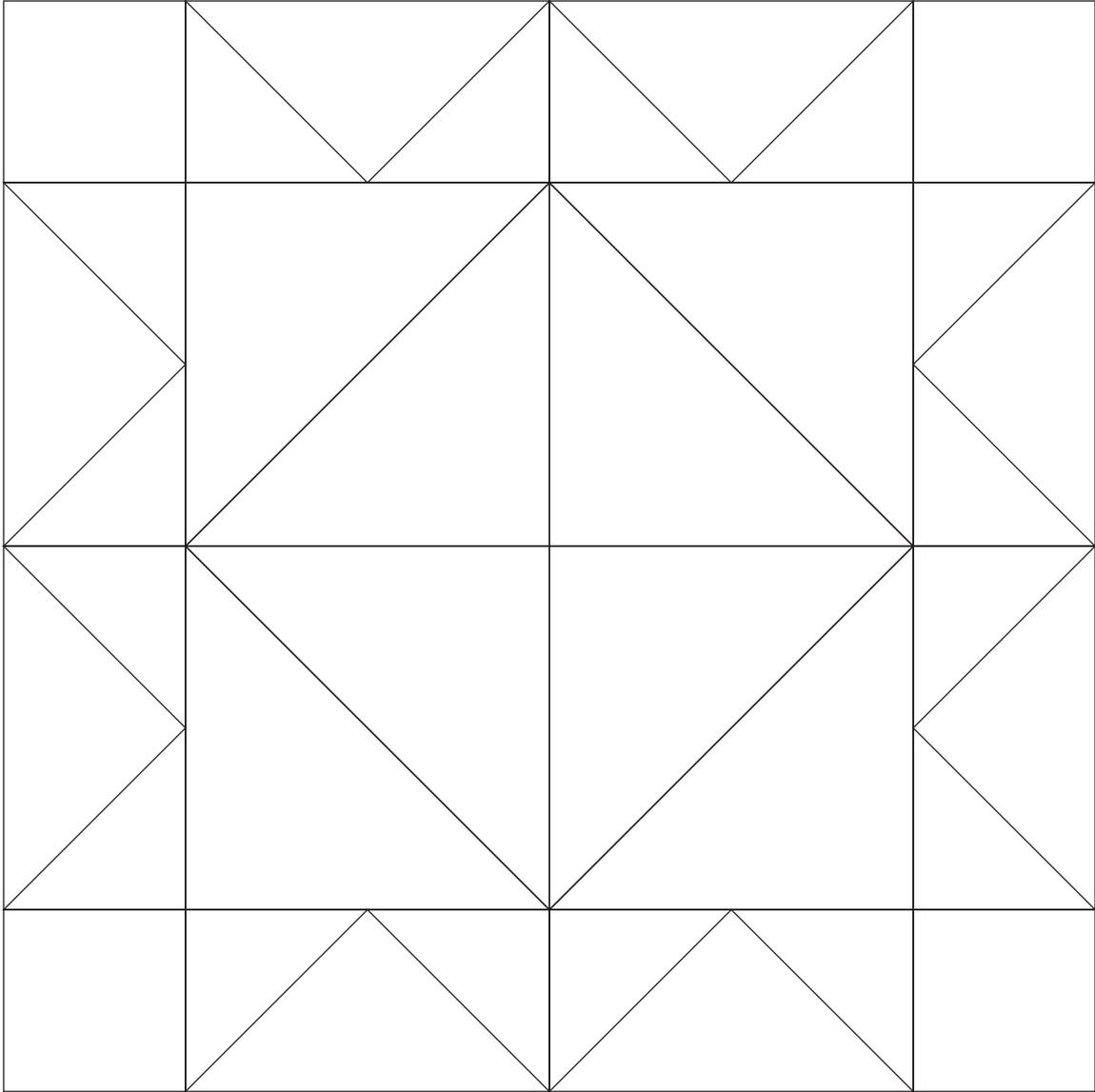


Step 9.

1. Sew the two units from step 8 to the top and bottom of the unit from step 7. Press.



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