

Block of the Month 2013-14: EVERYBODY IS A STAR

March's Block: Crossing Ohio

This beginner's block has many pieces but it relatively easy to assemble once the cutting is done, and it is a very satisfying block to make. We've chosen dark forest and lime greens accented by white in honor of St. Patrick's Day, just four days after this year's March meeting.

Cutting Instructions

FABRIC

PIECES



Dark Green

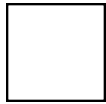
» Twenty $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

» One $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square



Lime Green

» Two $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, cut diagonally twice to make 8 quarter-square triangles



White

» Sixteen $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

» Eight $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

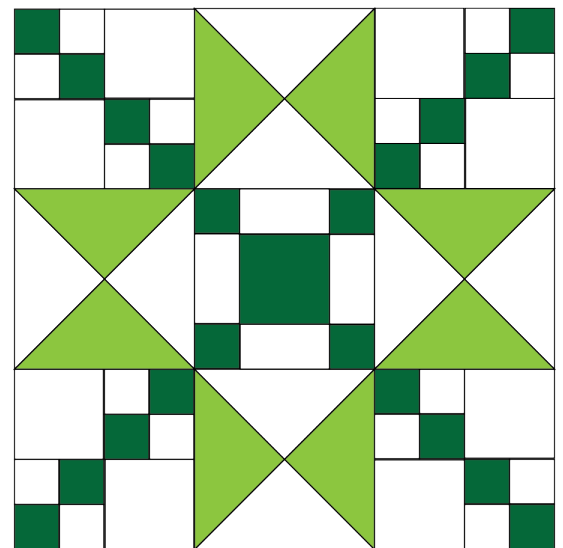
» Two $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares, cut diagonally twice to make 8 quarter-square triangles

» Four $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sew 16 white $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to 16 dark green $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Then sew two units together with the green pieces touching diagonally (see diagram A) to make a total of 8 four-patch squares.
2. Take 2 four-patch squares and arrange them so the corners touch diagonally. Add two white $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares to make larger units (see diagram B). Stitch together; make 4 units.
3. Take the 8 red triangles and place 2 point to point; add 2 white triangles to make a square (see diagram C); repeat three times. Sew together to make 4 units.
4. To make the center square, take the dark green $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square and attach 2 white $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to opposite sides. To the remaining 2 white rectangles, sew 2 green $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares on either end, make two units. Assemble (see diagram D).
5. Lay out the units and assemble (see Assembly Diagram). Sew units together to make rows; then sew rows together to make the block.



Assembly Diagram

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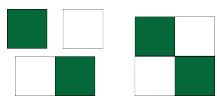


Diagram A

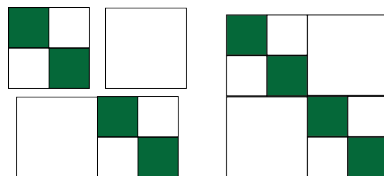


Diagram B

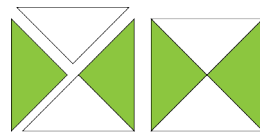


Diagram C

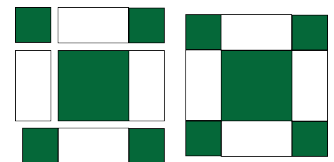


Diagram D