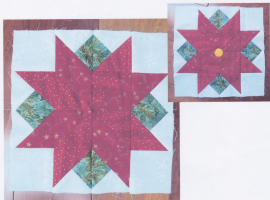


DECEMBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

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Cutting:

You will need two bright red fabrics, a leafy green and a light background.

Background fabric: four 3" squares
 Eight 3 1/2" squares

Red (R 1):	Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Red (R 2):	Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Green:	Eight $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Assembly:

Place a R1 $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square on a R2 $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square, right sides facing, draw a diagonal line across the square and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line. Cut across the diagonal and press the two squares open. Trim each square to 3". Repeat with the other two red $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. You now have four HST's for the centre.



Place a green $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on a light $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square, right sides facing. Draw a diagonal line across the square and sew along this diagonal line. Press open and trim the excess fabric from the back. (Fig 2 below)

Place this new $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on a red $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square, right sides facing. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner at right angles to the background/green seam. Sew along the diagonal. Repeat with the other $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. (Figure 2 below)

BEFORE PRESSING AND TRIMMING CHECK THE OPENED SQUARE AGAINST THE ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM. The squares with red R1 will be a mirror image of the squares with red R2. When you are sure which opened side to use, trim the square to 3", carefully centring the background/green seam, and trim off the excess fabric at the back.



Assemble all the 3" squares according to the diagram to make a 10 1/2" square. Then, if you wish, you can also add a yellow centre for the poinsettia.

