

OCTOBER 2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

POPPY

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I thought of making a Halloween square, but as Remembrance Day, September 11, comes soon afterwards, a poppy seems appropriate. This pattern is fairly quick to make. The green border on two sides is a nice touch, and is great for using up some green scraps.



Cutting:

Red fabric: Four 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
Eight 2 1/2" squares

Off-white background: Eight 2 1/2" squares

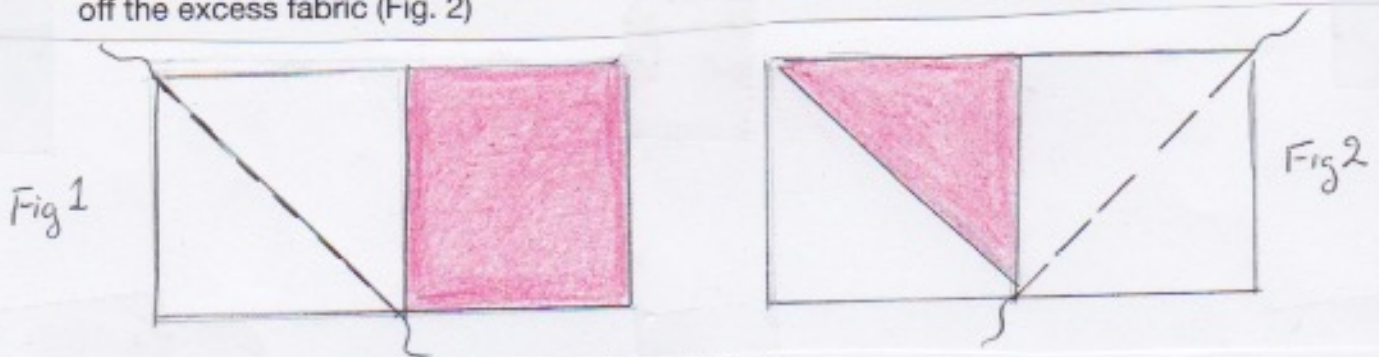
Mixed greens: Nine 2 1/2" squares

Assembly:

Make the four triangle blocks.

These are flying geese blocks and I have chosen the method which does not need to work on the bias.

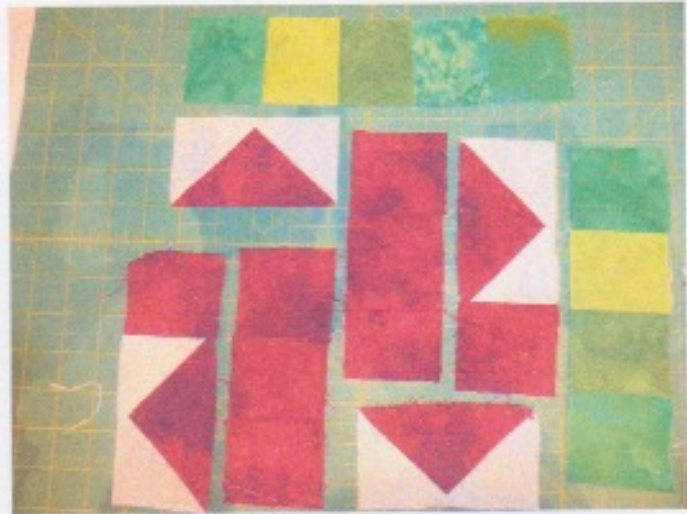
Mark a diagonal line across the back of each of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares. Place one square at the edge of each $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " red rectangle and sew down the diagonal line (Fig. 1) Press open and trim off the excess fabric at the back. Place a remaining background square at the other end of each red rectangle with the diagonal in the opposite direction as shown. Sew down the diagonal line, press open and trim off the excess fabric (Fig. 2)



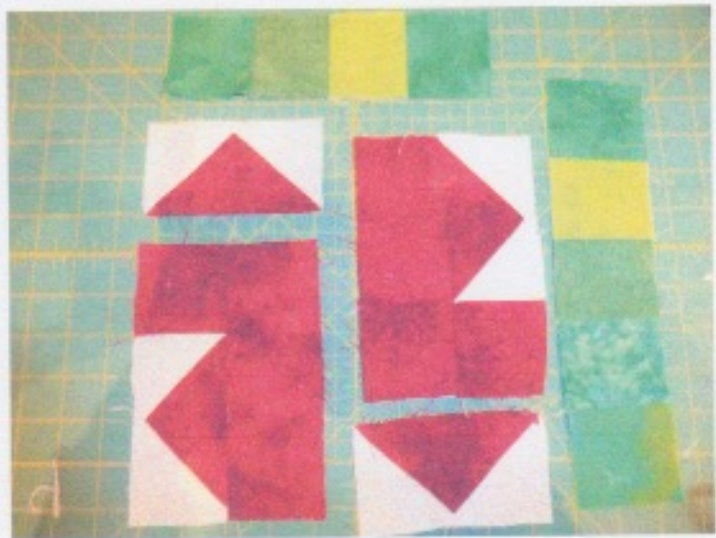
Next lay out your pattern pieces as shown (Fig. 3)



Assemble the pieces as follows. Sew two flying geese blocks to two red 2 1/2" squares, and sew two sets of three red 2 1/2" squares as shown in Fig 4 below.



Then sew these strips together (Fig 5)



Sew the green 2 1/2" squares as shown, and sew final seams (Fig. 6) If you wish you can make a round black centre using your favourite appliqué method. If you hate appliqué you can leave that for whoever is the winner of these pretty blocks. (Of course, you may be the winner!)

