

# Shamrock

6" X 6" Finished Block - 6½ X 6½ unfinished

**Fabric & Cutting Requirements:**

2 colours - one shamrock green (plain or print) and one a very light green or tone on tone beige for background.



**Background Pieces:**

- 2 - 2" x 2" Squares (A)
- 1 - 1" x 6½" Rectangle (B)
- 1 - 1½" x 6½" Rectangle (C)
- 1 - 4½" X 4½" Square (will become D)
- 6 - 1 1/4" Squares (for Connecting Corners E)

**Shamrock Pieces:**

- 3 - 2" x 3½" Rectangles (F)
- 1 - 4½" X 4½" Square (will become G)
- 1 - 4" x 4" Square (will become H)

**Constructing the three (3) F/E Blocks:**

For each block you will need 1 - 2" X 3½" shamrock green rectangle (F) and (2) two 1 1/4" squares (E) of background fabric. Draw a corner to corner line on the backside of the 1 1/4" squares. Place one 1 1/4" square (right sides facing together) in the top two corners of your (F) rectangle (see diagram #1). Sew along the created line. You can now decide how you want to "finish" this corner. Cut away the two back fabrics or use the Lorraine Stangness quick connect corner method - cutting out the middle triangle only or leave all three layers.

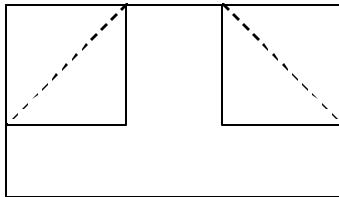


Diagram #1

**Making a Half-Quarter-Square Triangle for the Center Block**

You can use your own method of construction for this block . . . The finished size required is 3½" x 3½" Square

I am going to give you a technique to create half-quarter-square triangles that works really well if you need a "bunch" of blocks. If you use this method you will end up with the one square that you need for this block and one (1) half-square triangle and one (1) half-quarter-square triangle that you will not use - perhaps these blocks could be donated to the Block Orphanage or you might want to make another shamrock block!

**Creating two half square triangle blocks:**

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the background fabric. Lay the 4½" X 4½" Square of background fabric and the 4½" X 4½" Square of shamrock fabric right sides together and sew 1/4" from each side of the diagonal line (remember to use a "scant" 1/4"). See diagram #2. Cut down the centre line that you have drawn. Square up your half square triangle blocks to 4" X 4" (you will have 2 and only need 1 for the shamrock block.

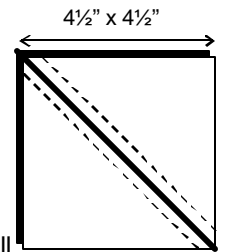


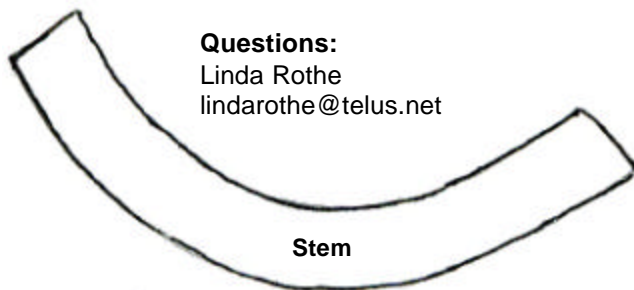
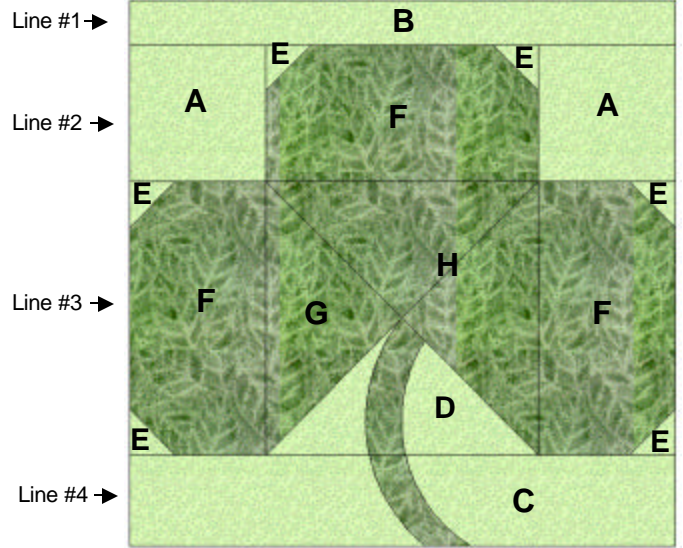
Diagram #2

**Creating the Half-Quarter-Square Triangle Block**

Using one of your created half square triangles (4" x 4") and one piece of shamrock fabric 4" x 4" repeat the same process as when you created the half square triangle. Draw your diagonal line on the solid square of shamrock fabric and place it right sides facing with the diagonal crossing the stitching line on your half square triangle. Stitch 1/4" from either side of the line and cut apart on your drawn diagonal line. You will have created two half-quarter-square-triangle blocks. Trim one block down to 3½" X 3½" to use as your shamrock center block.

**Finishing:**

Assemble the four rows . . . Row 1 and Row 4 are the full strips B & C (1" x 6½" Rectangle & 1½" x 6½" Rectangle ). Create your shamrock stem using your favourite method of applique. The one to the left should be the correct size (remember to reverse your pattern for hand applique). I left extra room at the top and bottom so that if you hand applique the shape you will have room to "tuck in" the end close to the shamrock center (use diagram for placement). I opened the seam a wee bit and then hand re - stitched it closed.



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Note: You will have to trim Ends for Machine Appliqué