

MARCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH - Spring Crocus

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The large crocus block is basically a simple log cabin and is fairly quick to make. You may also like to try the slightly more elaborate four-crocus block, still the same log cabin pattern. I've included cutting instructions for both, each of which makes up into a 9 1/2 inch block. (I found that, following the instructions, I was able to make both blocks concurrently.)

The winner will get all blocks, which could make an interesting quilt.



Block 1 - Single large crocus.

Cutting instructions:

White or cream background

Two 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" strips

Five 2 1/2" squares

One 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strips

Purple or lavender print

One 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strip (B)

One 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip (C)

Green Print

One 1 1/2" square (F)

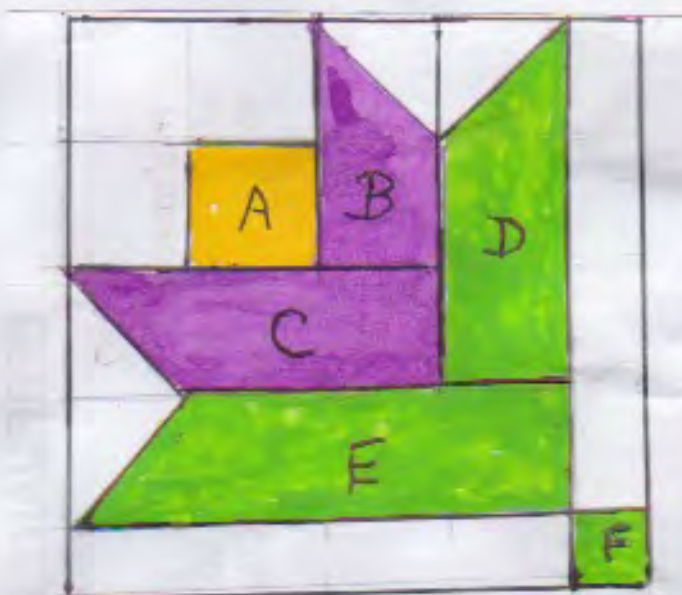
One 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip (D)

One 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" strip (E)

Yellow print

One 2 1/2" square (A)

To make the square:



1. Place a 1 1/2" background square at the top of the smaller purple strip B, right sides facing. Draw a diagonal line across and down from left to right as shown in Fig.2., then place a 1 1/2" background square at the top of the larger purple strip C and draw a diagonal line upwards from left to right as shown in Fig.2. Stitch along the diagonal lines, then press upwards towards the corner as shown in Fig.3. You may trim the excess fabric at the back.



2. Repeat this process with the two green strips, the diagonal on the smaller strip D will be upwards from left to right, and the diagonal on the larger strip E will be downwards from left to right. Fig.4

3. Now complete the square according to Fig. 1. Place a 1 1/2" background square on yellow square A, right sides facing, stitch one side, then press open. To the resulting yellow/background strip stitch the 2 1/2 x 4 1/2" background strip. Press open. follow this process with strips B, C, D, and E as shown.
4. Stitch one 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" background strip to one green edge of your square. Press open.
5. Stitch F to the other background strip, press seam open, then stitch to the other green edge of the square. You will have a 9 1/2" square.

Cutting instructions for the four-crocus square:

White/cream background fabric:	Four	2 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips
	Twenty	1 1/2" squares
	Four	4 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips
Yellow print	Four	1 1/2" squares
Purple or lavender print	Four	2 1/2" x 1/2" strips (B)
	Four	3 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips (C)
Green print	Four	3 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips (D)
	Four	4 1/2" x 1 1/2" strips (E)
	One	1 1/2" square

Assembly:

1. Make four crocus blocks as described in the earlier section, then assemble the square as shown in the photo on page 1.
2. Stitch one 4 1/2" background strip to a green side of each of two crocus blocks. Press open, then attach the other two crocus blocks to the background strips.
3. Stitch the small green square (F) between the two remaining background strips. Sew the resulting long strip to the crocus blocks as shown to make a 9 1/2" square.