

## 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 7/8" squares  
Four 3 1/2" squares

Red (R 2): Two 3 7/8" squares  
Four 3 1/2" squares

Green: Eight 3 1/2" squares

### **Assembly:**

Place a R1 3 7/8" square on a R2 3 7/8" square, right sides facing, draw a diagonal line across the square and sew 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 7/8" squares. You now have four HST's for the centre.

Place a green 3 1/2" square on a light 3 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.

Place this new 3 1/2" square on a red 3 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 1/2" squares,

**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.