

Block of the Quarter

Strawberry Block

Block of the Quarter completed Strawberry blocks are due by May 16th General Meeting.

Please ensure that you check your block size is accurate before you are submitting your block.

Requirements

For your strawberry block you will need a selection of strawberry-coloured fabrics, a few greens and some background fabric, either mixed shades or all same fabric/colour.

This block finishes at 14 inches square when sashing is attached and 14 ½ inches by 10 ½ inches raw without sashing. It is your option to sash or not to sash each block.



Cutting Instructions

From **strawberry shades** cut the following;

17 - 2 ½ inch squares, either all mixed or say 3 each of five colours plus a few extra.

3 - 3-inch squares.

From **green shades** cut the following;

2 - 3-inch squares - colour A

2 - 3-inch squares - colour B

1 - 4 ½ inch by 2 ½ inch rectangle for centre stem.

From **background** fabric cut the following;

4 - 2 ½ inch squares

5 - 3-inch squares.

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Assemble the Blocks

- The technique used in this block is Half Square Triangles HST.
- Using pairs of same fabric, right sides together, draw a line, corner to corner across the lightest colour square and layer together.
- Sew a ¼ inch seam each side of drawn line and cut apart on the line, lightly press seam open.
- Conversely you can also cut the paired squares on the diagonal line and seam independently.
- Using HST technique layer 3 pairs of 3-inch squares, one of each, strawberry colour and background fabric, sew and cut, press.
- Two of these are used for top, 2 are for the bottom and 2 for lower sides.
- Leaves require 3 pairs of 3-inch squares, 2 of which are background and leaf colour and 1 pair of green on green.
- These finished HST are combined with green rectangle to form the top two rows of this block.
- Now it time to layout all your block pieces, see image, in block format and sew into 5 rows each of 7 block pieces.
- Join, flipping ¼ inch seam allowances so that they interlock where necessary.

Just a few TIPS. Cut your squares accurately, a light spray of starch does wonders, trim your HST where necessary to maintain shape of block.

Interlock seam allowances either up or down to maintain smooth block assembly.

Don't forget to attach Name and Social Media handle on paper with thread to each block.

Note

Original Strawberry block design by Bec of @skyberries with variations inspired by Ange of @gnomeangel.

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