

Creative Minds

Alpine Quilt Group Turning Twenty's Block
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Fabrics Needed

Scraps of the following fabrics:

3" square of a solid cream colored fabric

Black floral print

Bright pink solid

Bright green solid

Dark red solid

Checked print

Cutting Instruction

1- Cut 1) 3" square of cream fabric. Cut square diagonally from corner to corner making 4 triangles

2- Cut 1) 1 7/8" square from dark red solid

3- Cut 2) template 'B' shapes from the dark red fabric and Cut 2) template 'B' shapes from bright green fabric

**Be sure to cut all shapes from templates with right side of fabric up when placing template on fabric*

**Cut angles and points accurately. This will help in lining up angles when sewing angles together.*

4- Cut 2) template 'A' shapes from the dark red fabric and Cut 2) template 'A' shapes from the bright green fabric

5- Cut 4) template 'C' shapes from the checked print

6- Cut 1) 4 3/4" X 8 1/4" rectangle from the black floral print and from the pink solid print

7- Cut 1) template 'D' from the black floral print and the pink solid print

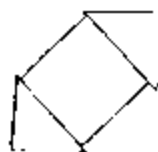
8- Using template plastic or thin cardboard (such as a heavy cereal box, cut 1) template 'E' to use when preparing to applique your 'quarter circle units'.

Sewing Instructions

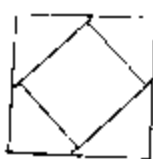
**all seam allowances are 1/4"*

Sewing the Square in a Square Unit:

1- Sew two cream colored triangles to opposite sides of the dark red square. Press towards the cream fabrics.

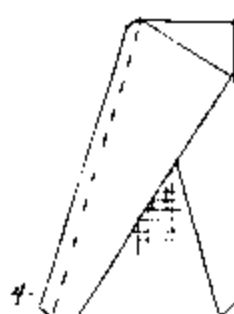
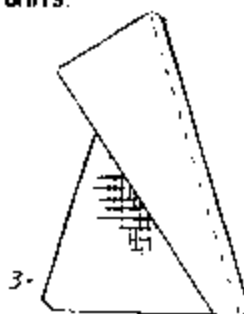


2- Sew the remaining two cream colored triangles to remaining opposite sides of the dark red square. Press towards the cream fabrics. Trim square to measure 2 1/8" being careful center inside square and to leave 1/4" for seam allowance at each point of inner red square. Set aside.



Sewing the Rectangle Units:

3- Sew a dark red 'B' shape to the checked 'C' shape. Press away from the 'C' shape. This will create a 'B-C' unit. Repeat sewing another dark red 'B' shape to the checked 'C' shape. Then sew each bright green 'B' shape to the remaining 'C' shapes. Press each unit away from the 'C' shapes. You should have (4) 'B-C' units.

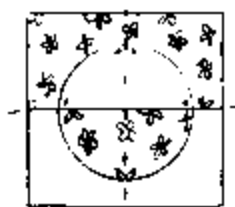


4- Sew a bright green 'A' shape to the checked side of the 'B-C' unit. Repeat sewing another bright green 'A' shape to the checked side of the 'B-C' units. Then sew each dark red 'A' shape to the remaining 'B-C' units in the same way. Press all away from the checked 'C' shapes. You should have four rectangle units; 2) with green half-triangles on the right and 2) with red half-triangles on the right. Set aside.

Sewing the Circle Units:

- 5- Sew the black floral rectangle to the bright pink solid fabric along the longest edge. Press toward the black fabric. Set aside.
- 6- Sew the black floral half circle (template 'D') to the bright pink solid half circle (template 'D') along the straight edge. Press seam toward the black fabric.
- 7- Hand baste an 1/8" - 1/4" running stitch approx. 1/8" - 3/16" away from the circle's edge.
- 8- Place cardboard template 'E' on wrong side of fabric of the circle you just basted around, being sure to center it precisely. Pull basting thread ends over cardboard template and securing the drawn-in edges by pressing them with an iron. Let fabric cool and gently remove the cardboard template. You should have a smooth edged circle ready to applique.
- 9- Pin the circle to the black and pink 8" square prepared above; pinning the pink half of the circle to the black half of the square and the black half of the circle to the pink half of the square; lining up the seams of the circle to the square; and centering the circle accurately to the square.

- 10- Applique circle to the square.



"You will be eventually cutting this circle into fourths. To secure my applique, I knotted my thread (on the wrong side of fabric) about 1/4" away from each eventual cut, meaning you will need to knot (8) times as shown.

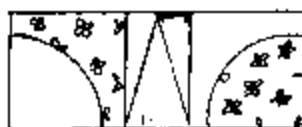
- 11- Press applied square from wrong side of fabric.
- 12- With seams running horizontally, cut applied square vertically in half (approx. 4" - 4 1/8" away from edge). Now cut each half directly on the seam creating 4) squares. Trim off all protruding previous seam allowances that have been pressed under the block or quarter circles. Leaving the quarter circles untouched, trim the remaining two sides of each square to be exactly 4" creating 4) 4" squares with applied quarter circles attached.

Completing the Block

- 13- Sew a 'right-sided red rectangle unit' to opposite ends of the 'square in a square unit'; making sure the center point of the rectangle lines up with the center point of the 'square in a square unit'. Press toward the center square. Set aside.

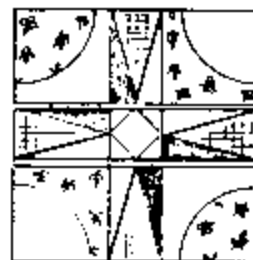


- 14- Sew each black 4" square to the green side of the rectangle units matching up the wide side of the black to the wide side of the green. Press towards the black block.



- 15- Sew the bright pink 4" square to the opposite side of the rectangle unit above, lining up the wide side of the pink with the wide side of the red. Press towards the pink block.

- 16- Sew the outside units (with applied circles) to the center unit (with the square in a square unit) having the green fabrics meet at 90° angles and the red fabrics meeting at 90° angles making sure the like applied circles are positioned in the opposite diagonal corners as shown. Press seams toward the 4" square blocks.



- 17- Square up block to 9 1/4". (I sewed an eighth inch stay-stitch seam around the outside of my entire block to secure the edges of my applied quarter circles).

You Did It!!!

"I cut a sheet of freezer paper 8 1/2" X 11" and ran this pattern through my copy machine onto the freezer paper. I could then iron the pattern onto my fabric so could cut accurately without the pattern slipping.

