

SFVQA Block Party: "Autumn Beauty" Due November 2017



Block Measurements: The finished size is 8" x 8" (unfinished size is 8 1/2" x 8 1/2").

Color plan:

Red, orange for the petals/legs
Black for 2 corner squares
Green for 2 corner squares
Beige for center square & petal background

Cutting Instructions:

Beige-

Center square Cut one 4 1/2" square.

Petal background Cut two 5 1/2" x 2 5/8" rectangles

Red/orange-

Petal legs Cut two 5 1/2" x 2 5/8" rectangles

Black-

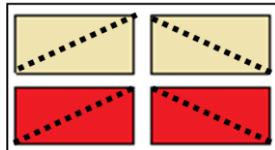
Corner squares Cut two 2 1/2" squares

Green-

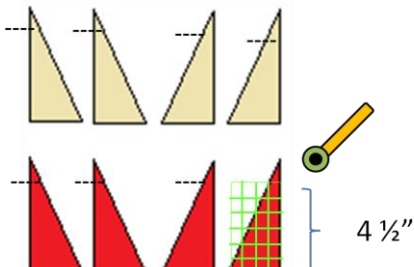
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Make the half rectangle triangle (HRT) units:

- Rotary cut the beige and red rectangles on the diagonal from corner to corner. Note that the color pairs are cut in mirror image to each other.



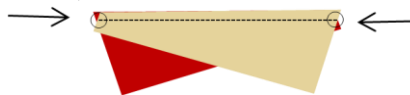
- Separate into 8 triangles on the cutting mat. Lineup ruler on the right-angle edge of the triangle to measure 4 1/2".



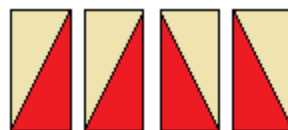
- Cut off skinny tip of triangle at 4 1/2".
- On the wrong side of the beige triangles, draw a scant 1/4" seam line on the diagonal (bias) edge of the triangle like this:



- Place a red and beige triangle right sides together so the ends of the pencil line intersect with the cut edge of the red fabric, like this:



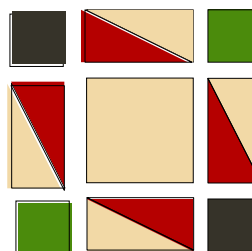
- Pin and sew all 4 units with a scant 1/4" seam.
- Fold units open and finger press seam (to avoid bias issues) to the dark side. Then *iron*.



- Trim each unit to measure 2 1/2" by 4 1/2". Should be minimal trimming.

Complete the block:

- Stitch the units together in a nine-patch formation as shown:



← Arrange the red "scissor blades" to appear to come out of the black corner squares.

Here is a sample quilt layout without sashing:
(Note that a square layout gives a lovely, natural framing without borders.)

