



Shamrock

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Block size: 8 1/2"

Cutting:

From 12 different green fabrics (I have used scrap but you could be more co-ordinated and use less fabrics) cut:

* 12 squares 2 1/2"

* one strip 1" x 9"

From a contrasting background fabric (I have used a very thick pale green stripe), cut:

* one square 5"

* five squares 1 7/8"

Assembly:

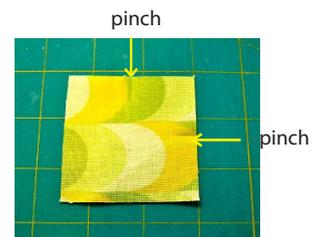
Lay out your green squares according to the photo until you are happy with the placement of the colours.

Cut the smaller background squares in half on one diagonal to make half square triangles.

The three green squares at the centre of the block do not have a triangle sewn to them. Take one of the outer squares of the shamrock and fold it in half along one edge and pinch to mark the centre. Do the same on the next edge.

Line the diagonal edge of a half square background triangle up with the creases you made, making sure the corners are hanging over the edges evenly. Sew the triangle to the square along the diagonal using a 1/4" seam.

Trim the corner off the square and the ears off the triangle and press towards the green square. Repeat with the other 9 outer squares of the shamrock.



When you have sewn all 9 corners onto the squares, arrange each leaf of the shamrock ready to sew.



Sew the squares into two pairs and then join the pairs across the middle to make a four patch, taking care to match the seams and to orient the background triangles in the right direction.



Repeat with the other leaves until you have three pieced shamrock leaves.

Take the 5" background square and cut it in half across one diagonal. Take the 9" x 1" strip of green. Find the centre of the diagonal of one triangle and the centre of the green strip and match. The edges will hand past the ends of the triangle.



Sew the triangles to either side of the green strip and press towards the strip. Trim the square to be 4 1/2".



Lay the block out ready to sew together as shown above. Sew the block into a four patch as for the leaves and press.



Thanks for having me Gen Q, and Happy St Patricks Day!
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