

Everything's Coming Up Roses! - Block of the Month



Variable Star

Size: 15" Finished (15-1/2" unfinished)

January 2005 Quilt Block of the Month Free from BlockCentral.com

Cutting Instructions:

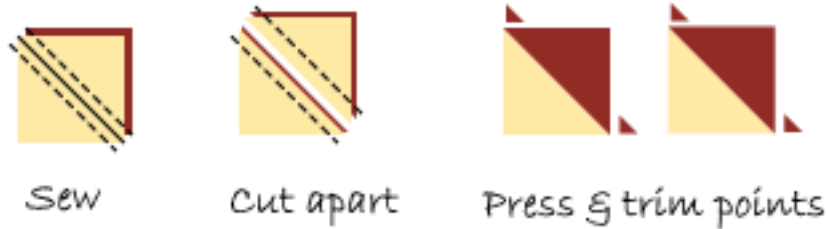
*Fabric:	Size & Shape:	# to Cut:
1 (red)	3-1/2" Square	12
1 (red)	3-7/8" Square	2
1 (red)	4-1/4" Square	2
2 (pink)	4-1/4" Square	2
3 (green)	3-1/2" Square	1
4 (cream)	3-7/8" Square	2
4 (cream)	3-1/2" x 9-1/2" Rectangle	4

Sewing Instructions:

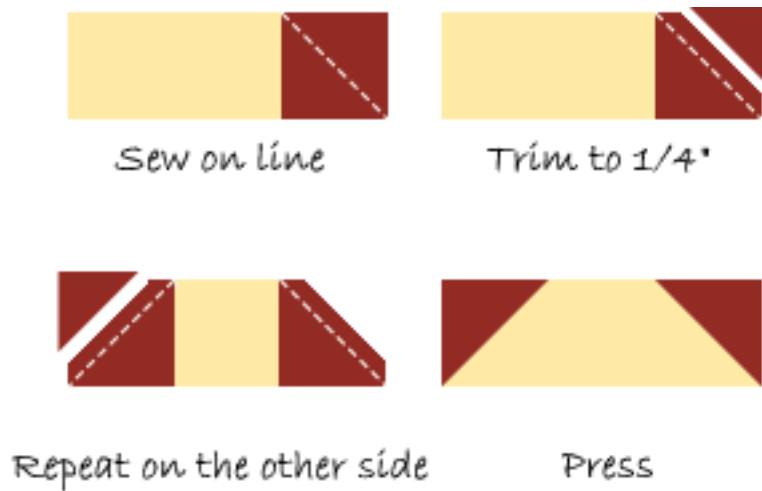
Step 1: Using a ruler and a pencil, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all Fabric 4 (cream) 3-7/8" squares, and eight Fabric 1 (red) 3-1/2" squares.



Step 2: With right sides together, layer a Fabric 4 (cream) 3-7/8" square on a Fabric 1 (red) 3-7/8" square and sew a 1/4" seam on EACH side of the diagonal line that you drew in Step 1. Cut apart on the diagonal lines. Press seams to darker fabric and trim points. Repeat once more for a total of FOUR red/cream half-square triangles.



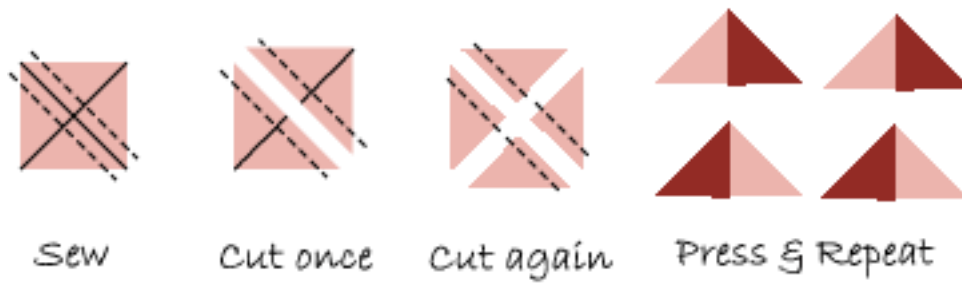
Step 3: Place a Fabric 1 (red) 3-1/2" square on the right end of a Fabric 4 (cream) 3-1/2" x 9-1/2" rectangle (right sides together) as shown below. Stitch a seam on the diagonal line that you drew Step 1. Trim the fabric above the sewn line to 1/4". Repeat on the left end and press seams toward the red fabric.



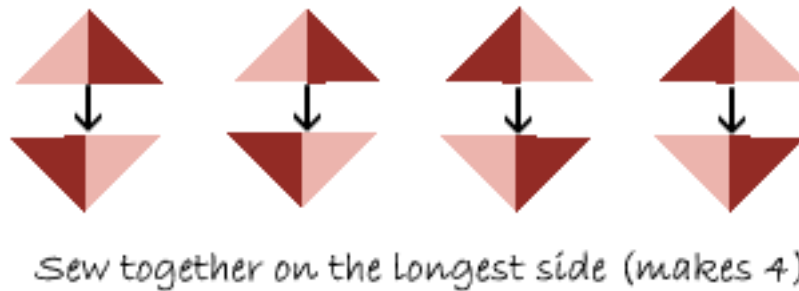
Step 4: Using your ruler and pencil, draw two diagonal lines on the back of the Fabric 2 (pink) 4-1/4" squares, as shown below:



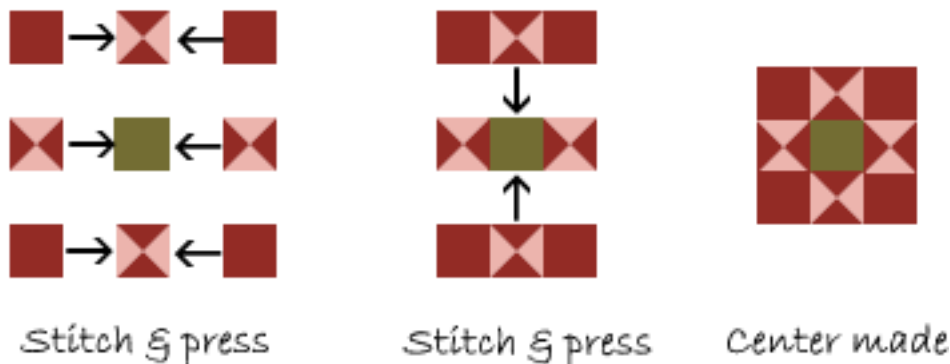
Step 5: Place a Fabric 2 (pink) 4-1/4" square on a Fabric 1 (red) 4-1/4" square, right sides together. Sew a 1/4" seam on each side of just one of the diagonal lines that you drew in Step 4. Cut apart on BOTH diagonal lines. Press seams to darker fabric and trim points. Repeat with the second pair of Fabric 2 (pink) and Fabric 1 (red) 4-1/4" squares for a total of eight Fabric 2/Fabric 1 triangles.



Step 6: With right sides together and using the diagram below as your guide, layer a Fabric 2/Fabric 1 triangle on another Fabric 2/Fabric 1 (with colors reversed) triangle taking care to match the seams. Stitch along the longest side and press seam to one side. Repeat three more times for a total of four Fabric 2/Fabric 1 quarter-square triangles.



Step 7: Arrange four Fabric 1 (red) 3-1/2" squares, four Fabric 2/Fabric 1 quarter-square triangles, and one Fabric 3 (green) 3-1/2" square as shown below. Sew the squares and quarter-square triangles into rows and press seams toward the solid squares. Sew the rows together to form the center of the block. Press seams away from the center row.

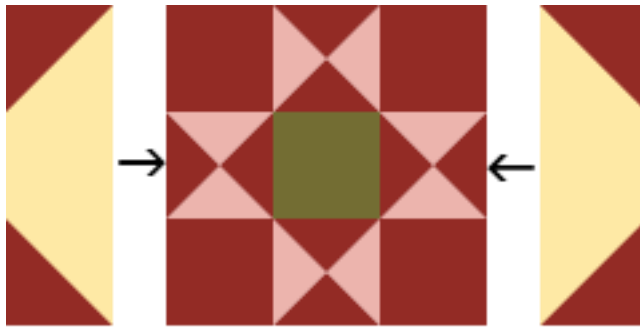


Step 8: Sew a Fabric 1/Fabric 4 half-square triangle (Step 2) to each side of a Fabric 1/Fabric 4 rectangle, as shown below. Repeat for a total of two.



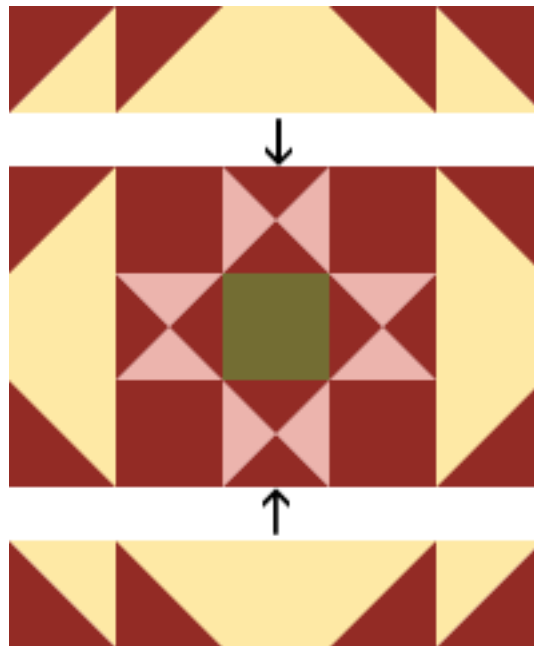
Step 9: Sew a Fabric 1/Fabric 4 rectangle to each side of the block center and press seams toward

the rectangles.



Stitch & press

Step 10: Sew the rows that you made in Step 8 to the top and bottom to finish the block. Press seams toward the outside of the block.



Stitch & press

Your block should measure 15-1/2" at this point. It will measure 15" when it is sewn into the quilt.

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