




Block of the Month CCQ February 2009

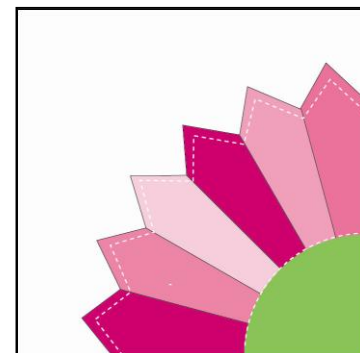
Valentine Bouquet

This block is a take on the Dresden Plate block. The petals of our bouquet are in scrappy pinks with a medium green base on white background. Go through your stash and look for different shades of pink from dark to light and even consider prints that have a lot of pink in them; florals, batiks, etc.

View pattern on CCQ website, www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com
Click on 'Block of the Month', and then 'February 2009'

Use Fabrics:

	#1	Shades of Pink	Cut 6	per template	Petals
	#2	White	Cut 1	10" sq	Background
	#3	Green	Cut 1	per template	Flower Base



9 1/2" Block

Bring completed block to CCQ
January Program Meeting Feb. 10th,
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Directions: NOTE: Allow 1/4" seam allowance.

Step 1 Cut 6 assorted pink petals out of paper template #1.

Step 2 For each petal: Fold in half longwise, good sides together, and stitch along top with a 1/4" seam allowance. See Diagram 1. Spread the seam open, turn inside out and flatten to create the point of the flower. Press with sharp point.

Step 3 Arrange 6 petals to your liking, then sew each petal to the other to form the flower arch. Pin onto white background per Diagram 2 so that sides align with the background evenly on the square.

Step 4 For green base, cut freezer paper in Shape #3. Cut a green shape 1/2 inch taller on the arch side. Sew a gathering stitch 1/4" from edge. Iron freezer paper to the back of the green then gather fabric to form the arch. Keep the bottom and sides straight where they align the corner of the block. Spray starch to keep shape of arch.

Step 5 Gently remove freezer paper and re-iron shape if needed. Pin in place on top of block and flower petals and align corner point. Stitch on top of green a scant 1/16", or appliqué if you prefer, in matching green thread.

Step 6 Top stitch 1/4" from petal tips, all the way around the petals to adhere petals to base and to give them a 3-D look. See Diagram 3. Square up block to 10" Trim excess fabric from back of green.

NOTE: This block is really cute done in yellows, to make sunflowers.

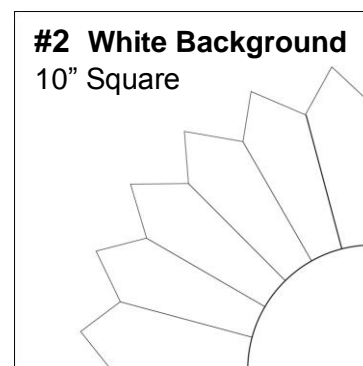


Diagram 2

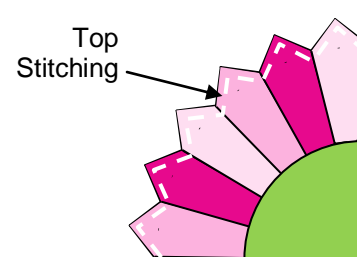


Diagram 3

