

Buttercup Block (12½" unfinished)

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Adapted from Patchwork Square's Free Quilt Block Patterns

All seam allowances should be a scant quarter-inch. Fabrics may be solids, tone-on-tones, batiks, or prints.

Fabric requirements

- (3) 4½" squares of white or neutral BACKGROUND
- (2) 5" squares of white or neutral BACKGROUND
- (1) 2½" square of white or neutral BACKGROUND
- (1) 2½" x 4½" rectangle of white or neutral BACKGROUND
- (1) 4½" square of main FLOWER colour
- (1) 5" square of main FLOWER colour
- (1) 2½" square of flower BUD colour
- (1) 5" square of GREEN leaf colour

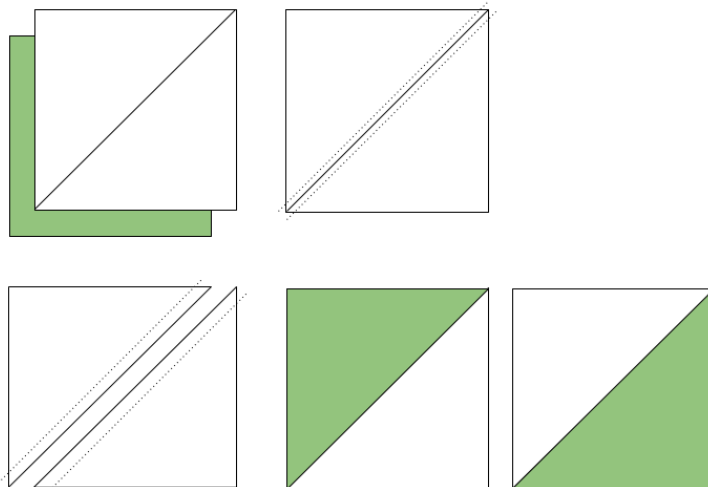
Bud Unit

1. Sew the 2½" BACKGROUND square to the 2½" BUD square, right-sides together (RST). Press the unopened unit to set the seam, then open the unit, and press the seam allowance toward the BUD.
2. Sew the 2½" x 4½" BACKGROUND rectangle to the unit from Step 1, RST. Press the unopened unit to set the seam, then open the unit, and press the seam allowance toward the BUD.
3. The resulting unit should measure 4½" x 4½".

Half-Square Triangle Units (HSTs)

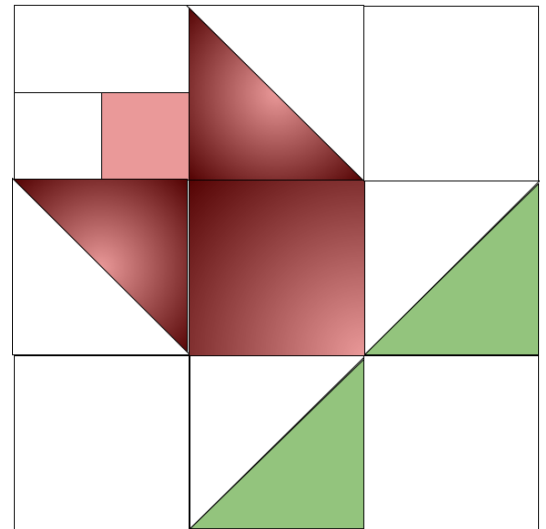
Use your favourite method to make two FLOWER & BACKGROUND HSTs and two GREEN & BACKGROUND HSTs. Here are directions for a common method.

1. Mark a diagonal line on the back of each 5" BACKGROUND square.
2. Place a 5" BACKGROUND square on a 5" FLOWER square, RST, and sew a seam ¼" from the drawn line on each side of the drawn line.
3. Press the unopened unit to set the seams.
4. Cut on the drawn line.
5. Open each HST and press the seam allowances toward the FLOWER.
6. Square and trim each HST to 4½" x 4½".
7. Repeat steps 1-6 with the other 5" BACKGROUND square and the 5" GREEN square.



Assembly

1. Arrange your units as shown.
2. Sew together the units of the top row. Press to set the unopened seams before pressing seam allowances away from the HST.
3. Sew together the units of the center row. Press to set the unopened seams before pressing seam allowances toward the solid FLOWER square.
4. Sew together the units of the bottom row. Press to set the unopened seams before pressing seam allowances away from the HST.
5. Sew the rows together. Press to set the unopened seams before pressing seam allowances away from the center row.



WANT A CHALLENGE? Instead of a solid BACKGROUND square below the leaves, use a stem unit!

Fabric requirements

- (2) 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ " squares of white or neutral BACKGROUND
 - (1) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square of green LEAF colour
1. Mark a diagonal line on the back of each BACKGROUND square.
 2. Place a BACKGROUND square on the LEAF square, RST, as shown in the diagram. The drawn line should **not** point at a corner of the LEAF square.
 3. Sew **on** the drawn line.
 4. Press to set the unopened seam.
 5. Trim off the excess fabric, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ " between your seam and your cut.
 6. Open your unit and press the seam allowance toward the BACKGROUND.
 7. Repeat steps 2-6 with the remaining BACKGROUND square in the opposite corner.

