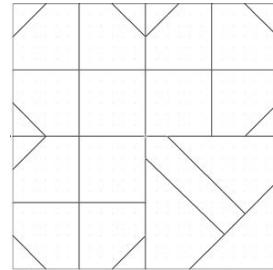


Fallbrook Quilt Guild
Block of the Month for February



A Scrappy Shamrock!

(credit to <http://www.quiltingworks.com/howto/shamrock-block.htm> for the idea!)

1. Gather up your green and white fabric scraps and cut the following for each block:

(12) 2 ½" green squares	(9) 1 ½" white squares	(1) 2 ½" white square
(1) 4 ½" green square	(2) 4" white squares	

2. Stitch your 2 ½" green squares into 4-patches, using a ¼" seam. The finished block should measure 4 ½".

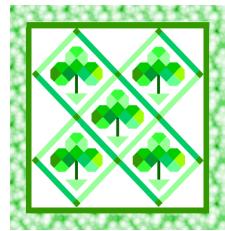
3. Take the nine 1 ½" white squares and add them to 3 corners of each of the 4-patch blocks, right sides together and stitching diagonally across the white square. Flip the white square back to stitching line and press carefully; it's your choice if you want to cut off the back two triangles or not.

4. To make the stem, begin with the 4 ½" green square. Lay one 4" white square in the right corner top side of the green square and sew a diagonal from the *upper left* corner to lower right corner. Iron it out to create a snowball effect. Next, take the remaining 4" white square and lay it in the *lower left* bottom corner of the same square and sew a diagonal from the upper left corner to the lower right corner and fold out and press. This creates the stem.

5. Finally, take the 2 ½" white square and lay it in the lower corner of the block to help shorten the stem and sew a diagonal from right to left to create another snowball effect, flipping it back and ironing it.



This may sound confusing, but it really is easy! Most of you will probably be able to complete the block intuitively by using the picture and diagram above, I know!



The quilt block used in the above quilt isn't exactly like the one above, but thought it was a nice layout for the blocks.

(Thanks to : <http://www.quiltingassistant.com/shamrock.html>)