

Raincross Quilt Guild Block of the Month

September 2024 – June 2025

The final quilt will measure approximately 36" by 52" before optional borders. You will need $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for sashing around your blocks. Use fat quarters, scraps, or whatever you choose. We will be creating blocks each month from September through June. Then you will have the summer (July and August) for borders, quilting and binding your quilt.

Block #4 Flowers – December 2024

For this block you will need

Background

Flower color (I'll call it "red" in the instructions)

Leaf/stem color ("green" in the instructions)

Flower center ("yellow")

Completed block size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high.

This will finish to 6" x 10".

Cut

4 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " yellow squares

8 - 2" red squares

4 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " red squares

7 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares

2 - 2" background squares

4 - 2" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangles

3 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " green squares

1 - 1" x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " green rectangle

Sew (Hint: I pressed all seams open for this block.)

- Use 7 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " background squares, 4 – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " red squares and 3 – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " green squares to make half square triangles (HST). Put one colored square and one background square right sides together (RST) draw a diagonal line and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the line. Cut on the line. Press and trim to 2" square.

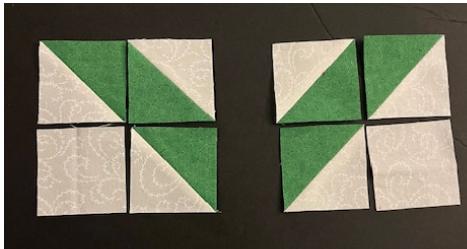
Build the flower

- Use the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " yellow squares to snowball on to one corner of 4 – 2" red squares.
- Using these squares, the remaining red squares and the 8 red/background HST layout your flower.
- Assemble the flower according to the photo.



Build the stem and leaves

- Use six green HST and 2 – 2" background squares make two leaf units according to photo.



Now you have a choice to make. Your leaves may be adjacent to each other at the bottom or middle of the stem, the right one may be bottom or middle, the left one may be bottom or middle. You may want all the blocks same or varied.

- Using the 4 – 2" x 3 ½" rectangles sew them to the top and or bottom of each leaf unit. Stitching two rectangles to the top will put the leaf at the bottom of the stem, stitching one to the top and one to the bottom puts the leaf in the middle. (Don't put two rectangles at the bottom.)
- The stem is a 1/4" flange. Fold the green 1" x 6 ½" rectangle in half lengthwise WRONG SIDES TOGETHER and line it up with the left edge of the right leaf unit. Turn the left leaf unit over on top of the right and stitch. Press seams open making sure the flange is pressed toward the right leaf unit. (This means that the stem is pressed open on the back.)
- Sew the flower to the top of the stem and you have your first flower.



Now make four more blocks but don't sew them together. Contact Susan or Jeri if you have questions.

Ignore these vertical rectangles. I sewed them before I thought about offsetting the leaves.

