

# Shamrock Block

## Materials Needed:

### Fabric 1. Provided to you:

From the 8 inch square of fabric provided to you, cut:

A One 7 ½ x 7 ½ inch square

From the 2 ½ x 19 inch fabric provided to you, cut:

B Nine 2 inch squares

### Fabric 2. Fabric of your choice:

From one or multiple scraps of green fabrics, cut:

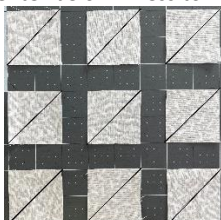
C Twelve 3 ½ inch squares

D One 1 ¾ x 9 inch rectangle



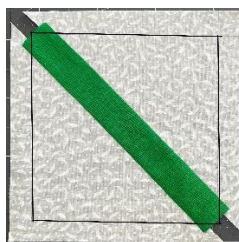
## Step 1: Make the leaves

Select all of the B squares and nine of the C squares. Mark all B squares on the diagonal, as shown below left. Line up the two inch squares (B) on the 3 ½ inch squares (C). Stitch on each diagonal line, then trim to ¼ inch on the outside of the seam, as shown center below. Press toward the dark color, as shown to the right. Set aside.



## Step 2: Make the stem

Mark the 7 ½ inch square (A) on the diagonal and cut into two triangles. Attach the triangles to the 1 ¾ x 9 inch rectangle (D). **Note:** The strip (D) will be shorter than the triangles. Line up the strip so that there is an equal length of fabric extending on each end of the triangle. Stitch the triangles to the strip, one at a time. Press the seams toward the strip. This piece needs to be trimmed to a 6 ½ inch square. You will need to trim about ¼ inch from each side. Mark first, as shown below, center, measuring to be sure the square is 6 ½ inches. Then trim each side, keeping the strip lined up evenly in the center. You should have a 6 ½ inch square as shown below right.



## Step 3: Assemble the block

Arrange the large square and the small squares as shown below left, making sure to orient the small background fabric triangles as shown. Stitch the smaller squares in pairs, forming two rectangles in the top two rows, and one rectangle in each of the two lower left rows. Press seams to the side, alternating the direction by row so that seams are facing in opposite directions. Next seam the left top and second row rectangles together; the right top and second row rectangles together; and the bottom two rows of rectangles on the left together, lining up the seams. Press the top two seams in opposite directions, and press the bottom square seam to one side. Next, sew the top squares together, lining up the seams to match; sew the bottom squares together. Press the seams in opposite directions. Last, sew the top and bottom together, lining up the seams. Press to one side. Trim to a 12 ½ inch square.

