

Happy String Flowers for Baby 43" by 50"

109cm x 127 cm

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The border is included in these measurements.

Four Corner and Border Options

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Fabric Requirements:

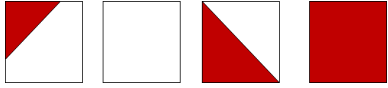
These are approximate and generous.

Outer Border:

(150-160) strings that are about 6.5" long and of widths varying from about 1" to 2.5".

You will be trimming to size after sewing.

Corners: Choices



1. (4) solid 7.5" squares **OR**
2. Half Square triangles - (2) colored 8.5" squares and (2) background 8.5" squares **OR**
3. Smaller Triangle in the corner - (4) 7.5" background squares and (4) 5.5" colored squares.

Background:

1 1/2 yards

Whites and/or neutrals

Flower petals:

(24-30) strings in "flower colors" 10" long by widths varying from about 1" to 2.5"

Leaves and stem:

(1) 2" by 12" rectangle

(15) strings approximately 7" by widths varying from 1" to 2.5"

I used greens.

Flower Center:

2 1/2" square

Mine is black.

Inner Border:

1/4 yard

Mine is black.

Cutting Directions:

It is a good idea if you keep your cut fabric organized in little plastic bags.

Please label your bags A, B, C and D.

Colored Fabrics - Scrappy Strings for Outer Border:

Baggie A – (Outer Border Pieces)

(150-160) strings that are about 6.5" long and of widths varying from about 1" to 2.5".

You will be trimming to size after sewing.

Baggie A - Choose the style of your corners (Outer Border Pieces)

(4) 7.5" Solid colored squares **OR**

(2) Background 8.5" square and (2) 8.5" colored squares **OR**

(4) 7.5" Background Squares and (4) 5.5" squares colored fabric

Background Fabric:

Baggie A (Outer Border Pieces)

(20) 5.5" squares

(4) 2.5" by 9" rectangles

(4) 2.5" by 6.5" rectangles

(6) 2.5" by 12.5" rectangles

Baggie B (Border #1 Pieces)

(2) 6" by 28" rectangles

(2) 3.5" by 27.5" rectangles

Baggie C (Flower and Leaves/Center Medallion Pieces)

(10) 4.5" squares

(3) 2" by 8" rectangles

(1) 1.5" by 8" rectangle

(3) 2" by 7.5" rectangles

(1) 1.5" by 7.5" rectangle

(1) 2.5" by 6.5" rectangle

Flower Petal Fabric:

Baggie C (Flower and Leaves/Center Medallion Pieces)

Enough 10" strips to create (4) 8" by 10" rectangles

Flower Center Fabric:

Baggie C (Flower and Leaves/Center Medallion Pieces)

(1) 2.5" square

Leaves and stem Fabric:

Baggie C (Flower and Leaves/Center Medallion Pieces)

(1) 2" by 12" rectangle

(15) strips approximately 7" by widths varying from 1" to 2.5"

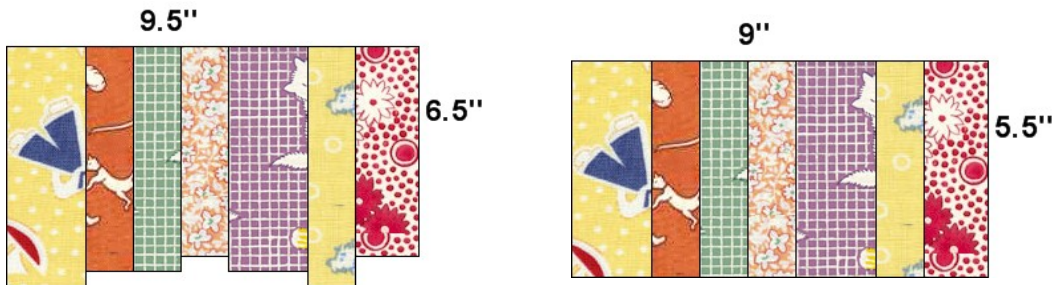
Inner Border Contrasting Fabric (Border #2):

Baggie D (Border #2 Pieces)

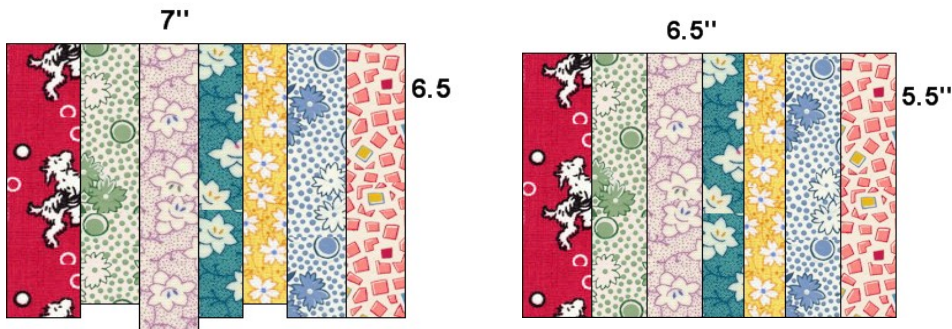
(2) 1.75" by 29.5" rectangles

(2) 1.5" by 34" rectangles

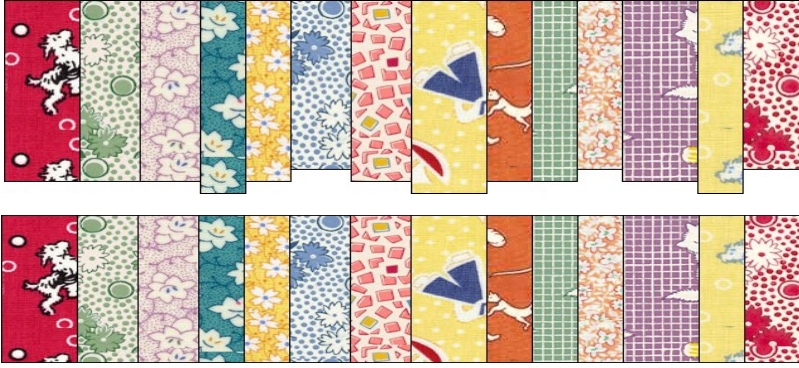
- Unit A:** Sew strips from Baggie A together to make (4) of the following:
 Each unit should be approximately 9.5" by 6.5"
 Make sure you have slightly wider strips on each end so that you have enough for a seam allowance after trimming.
 You don't have to worry about perfect 1/4" seams if your units measure at least 9.5" across.



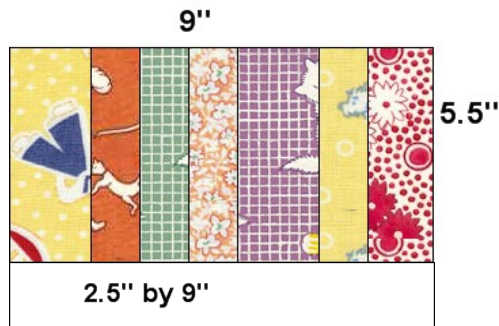
- Press all seams to one side. Use spray starch or sizing if it is too stretchy.
- Trim each unit to 9" by 5.5".
- Unit B.** Make (4) of the following: Sew strips from Baggie A.
 Each unit should be approximately 7" by 6.5".
 Make sure you have slightly wider strips on each end so that you have enough for a seam allowance after trimming.
 You don't have to worry about perfect 1/4" seams if your units measure at least 9.5" across. You will have (4).



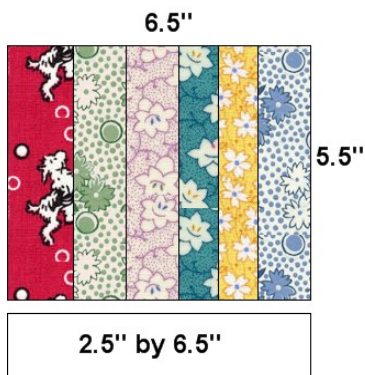
- Press all seams to one side. Use spray starch or sizing if it is too stretchy. Trim each unit to 6.5" by 5.5" You will have (4).
- Unit C:** Sew strips from Baggie A together to make (6) of the following:
 Each unit should be approximately 6.5" by 13".
 Make sure you have slightly wider strips on each end so that you have enough for a seam allowance after trimming.
 You don't have to worry about perfect 1/4" seams if your units measure at least 13" across.



7. Press all seams to one side. Use spray starch or sizing if it is too stretchy.
8. Trim each unit to 5.5" by 12.5".
You will have (6).
9. Baggie A – Gather all of the background fabric rectangles.
10. **Unit A: Add Rectangles (4)**
Sew 2.5" by 9" background rectangles to the each of the (4) Unit A.
Press to the background fabric.



11. **Unit B: Add Rectangles (4)**
Sew 2.5" by 6.5" background rectangles to the each of the (4) Unit B.
Press to the background fabric.



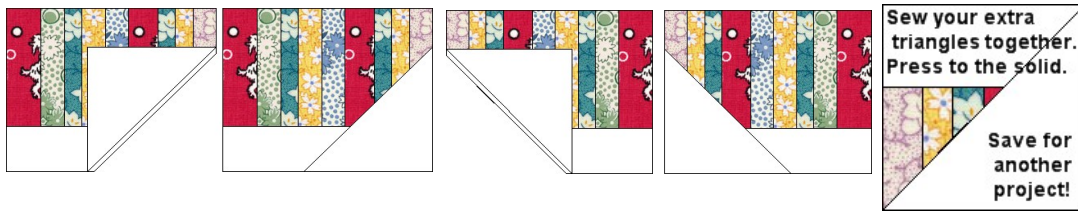
12. **Unit C: Add Rectangles (6)**
 Sew 2.5" by 12.5" rectangles to each of the (6) Unit C.
 Press to the background fabric.



13. Gather (20) 5.5" squares background fabric from Baggie A
 Draw a diagonal line through the back of each.

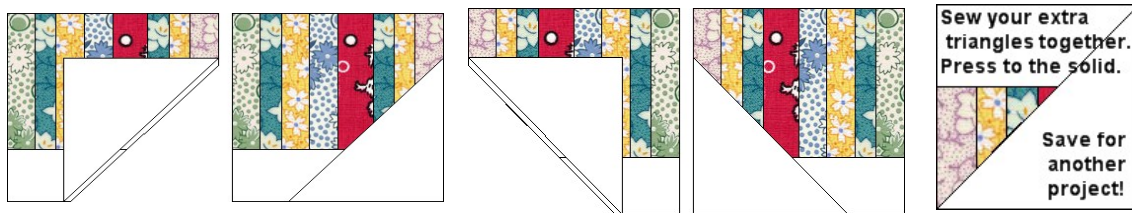
14. **Unit A:** Complete (4)
 Sew (2) with square in bottom right corner and (2) with square in the bottom left corner. Sew ON the diagonal line.

Trim a 1/4" seam. Press the seam to the **TRIANGLES**.



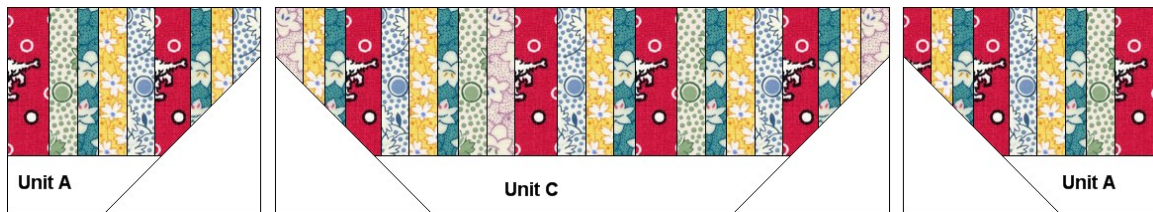
15. **Unit B:** Complete (4)
 Sew (2) with square in bottom right corner and (2) with square in the bottom left corner. Sew ON the diagonal line.

Trim a 1/4" seam. Press the seam to the **TRIANGLES**.

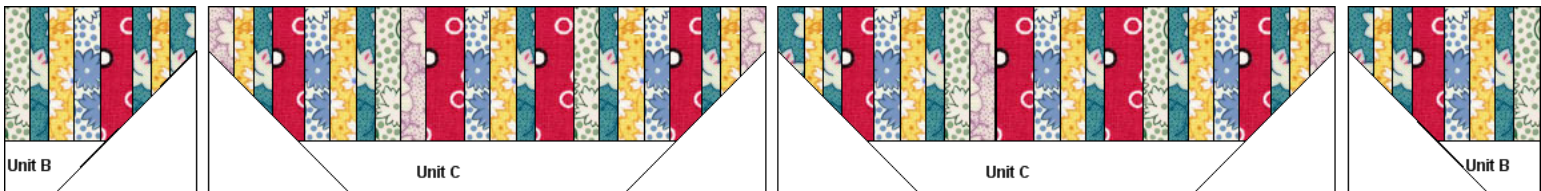


16. **Unit C:** Complete (6)
 Sew a square to the bottom right corner and one to the bottom left corner.
 Sew ON the diagonal line.
 Trim a 1/4" seam. Press the seam to the **RECTANGLES**.

17. Make (2) of this unit for the Top and Bottom Borders.
Nest the triangle seams.
Press in either direction.



18. Make (2) of this unit for the Side Borders.
Nest the triangle seams.
Press in either direction.



Making the Flower. 16" square finished, (16.5" unfinished)

Background Fabric:

Baggie C – use (8) of the 4.5" squares. Draw a diagonal line through the back of each.

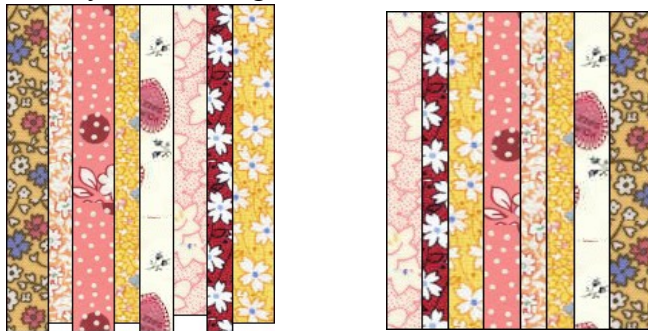
Flower Petal Fabric:

Baggie C – Use the 10" strings

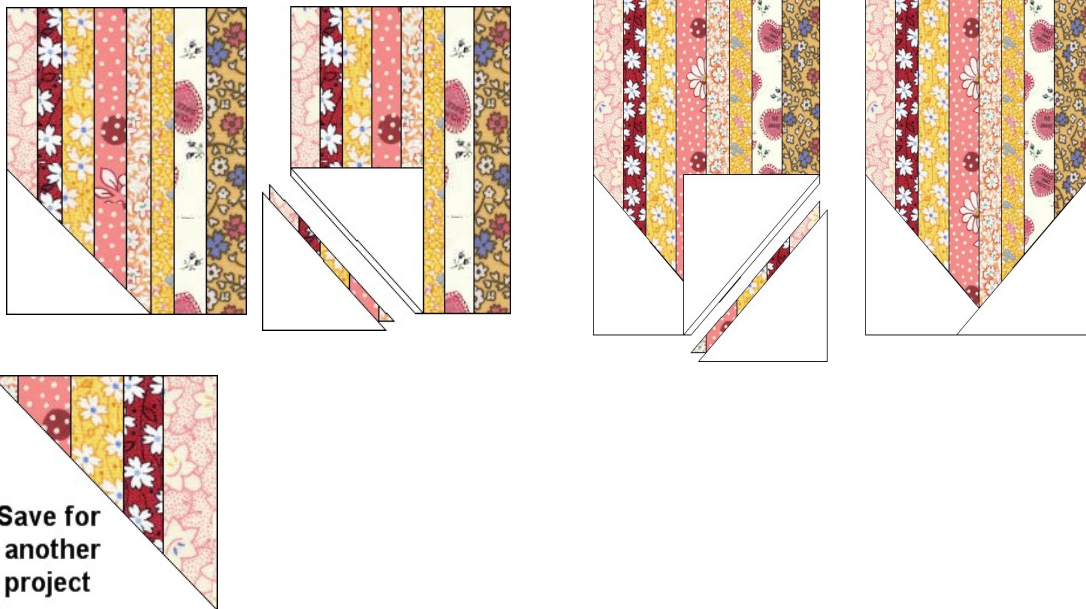
Flower Center Fabric:

Baggie C – (1) 2.5" square

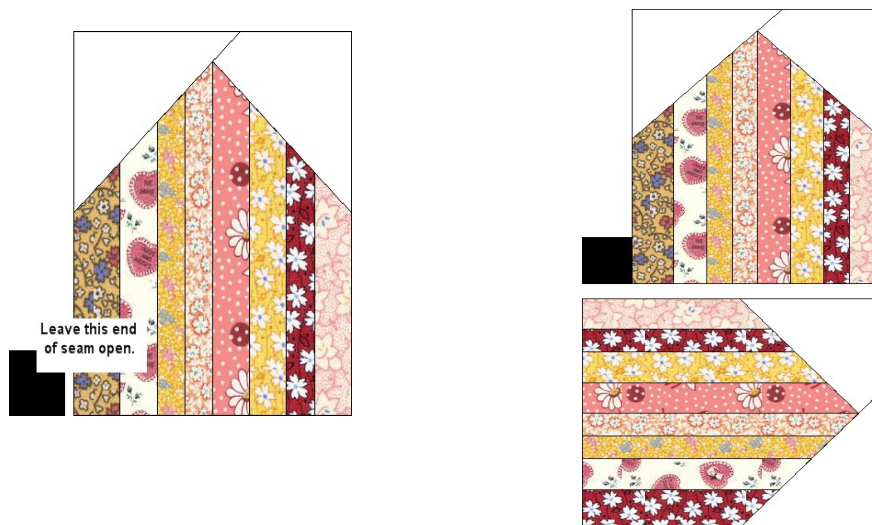
1. Make (4): Sew your Flower Petal strips into approximately 8" by 10" rectangles. Make sure you use wider strips on the end. Press to either side using spray starch if necessary to stabilize your fabric. Trim to 7.5" by 9.5" rectangles.



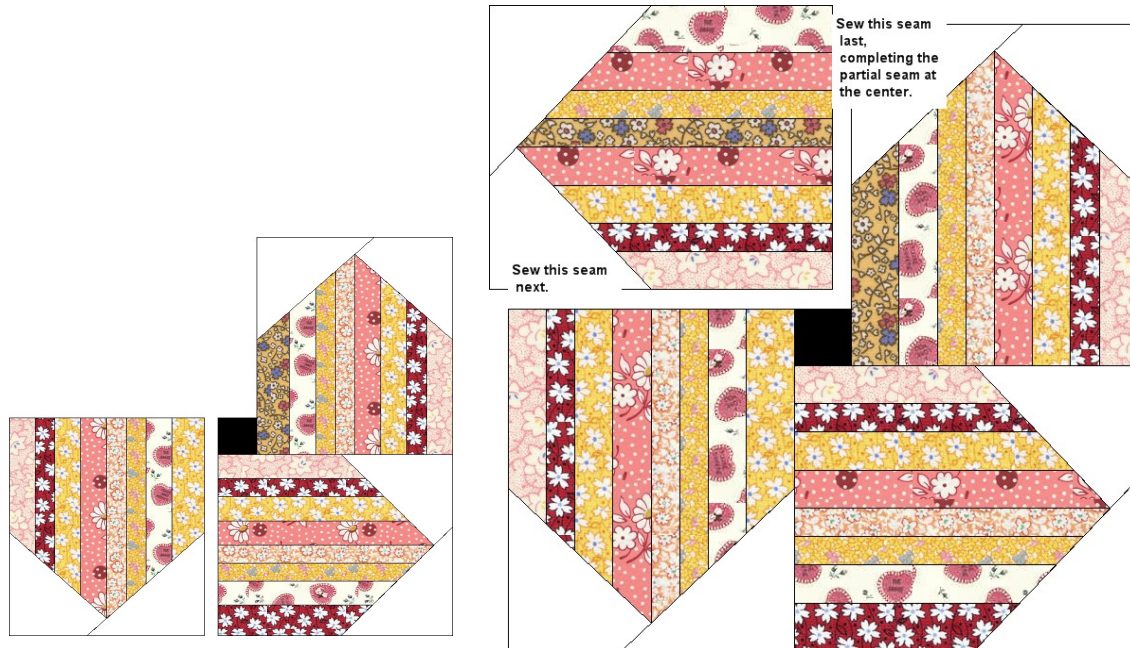
4. Make (4).
 Gather your (8) 4.5" squares of background fabric.
 Sew a square to the bottom left corner of your flower petal. Sew on the line.
 Trim leaving a 1/4" seam. Press to the triangle.
 Repeat for the right bottom square.
 Sew your extra triangle together.



5. Sew Petal 1 to the Center Square. Leave a partial seam. See diagram.
 Sew Petal 2 to Petal 1. Press to Petal 2.



6. Sew on the third flower petal according to the diagram. Press to the third petal. Sew the fourth petal to the third petal. Press to the fourth petal. Complete the flower by sewing the first and fourth petals together joining the partial seam. Press to the first petal.



Making (2) Leaves

Background Fabric:

Baggie C

(1) 1.5" by 8" rectangle

(1) 2.5" by 6.5" rectangle

Leaves and Stem Fabric:

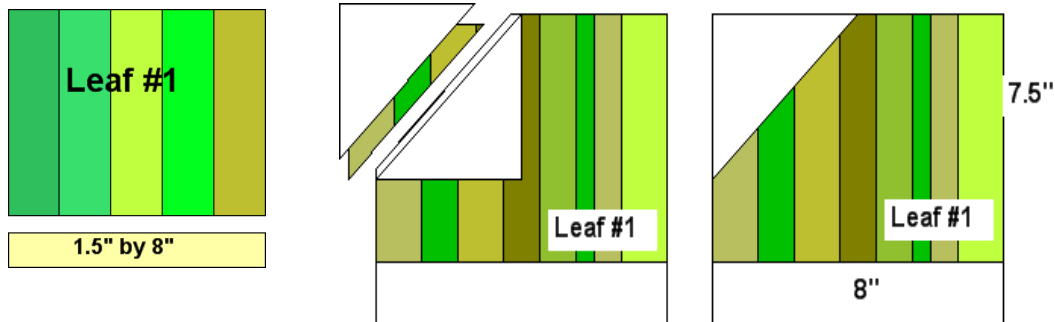
Baggie C

(12) strips approximately 7.5" by 1" to 2.5" (widths can vary)

(2) 4.5" squares with line drawn diagonally across the back.

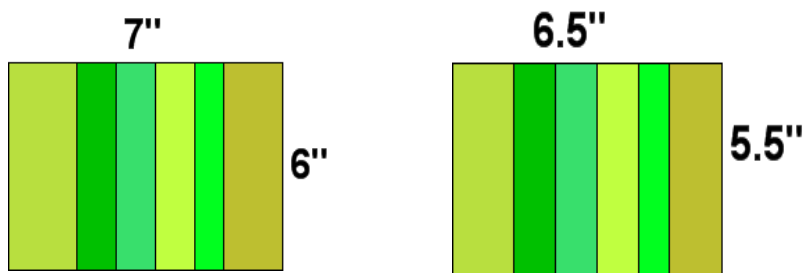
Directions for Leaf #1:

1. Sew green strips together from Baggie D to make Leaf #1.
It will measure approximately 8.5" by 6.5" or 7".
Press seams to one side.
Use spray starch if necessary to stabilize fabric.
Trim to 8" by 6.5"
2. Sew 1.5" background rectangle to leaf. Press to the rectangle.
Sew square to corner as shown. Trim a ¼" seam.
Press to the square.
Finish trimmed triangles and save for another project.



Directions for Leaf #2:

1. Sew green strips together from Baggie D to make Leaf #2.
It will measure approximately 7" by 6".
Press seams to one side.
Use spray starch if necessary to stabilize fabric.
Trim to 6.5" by 5.5".



2. Sew your 2.5" by 6.5" background strip to the side of Leaf #2 as shown in the diagram. Press to the background strip.
Sew 4.5" square to corner and sew on the drawn line as shown.
Trim ¼" seam and press to the triangle.
Sew trimmed triangles together and save for another project.

Completing Your Flower Blocks

Background Fabric:

Baggie C

(3) 2" by 8" rectangles

(3) 2" by 7.5" rectangles

(1) 1.5" by 7.5" rectangle

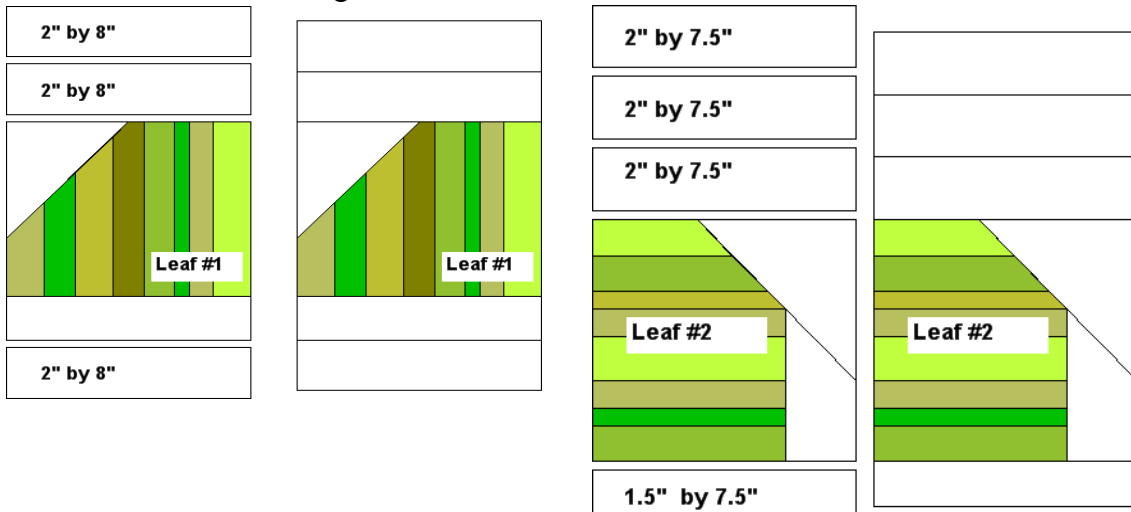
(1) 2.5" by 6.5" rectangle

Leaves and Stem Fabric:

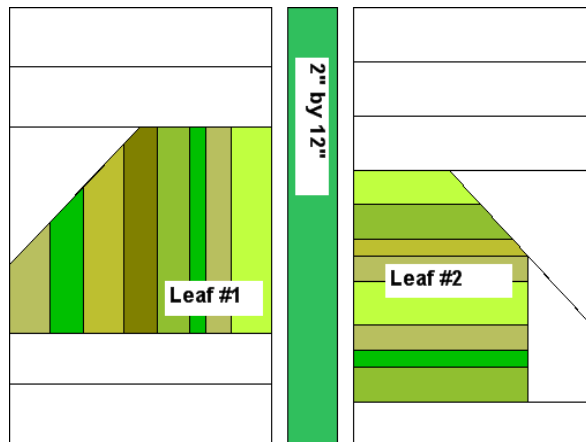
Baggie C

(1) 2" by 12" rectangle

- 1: Gather Leaf #1 and your (3) 2" by 8" rectangles.
Gather Leaf #2 and your (3) 2" by 7.5" rectangles and your (1) 1.5" by 7.5" rectangle.
Sew them together according to the diagram.
Press to the rectangles.

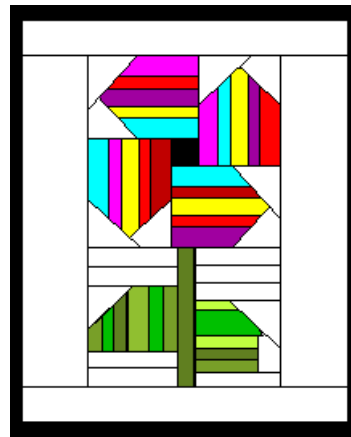
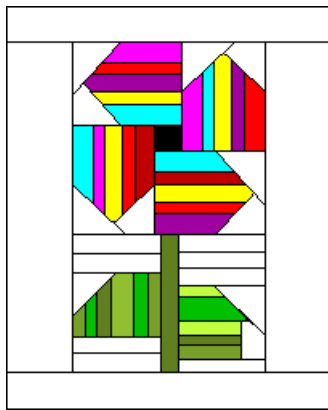


- 2: Sew Leaf #1, the stem and Leaf #2 together as shown.
Press to the stem.

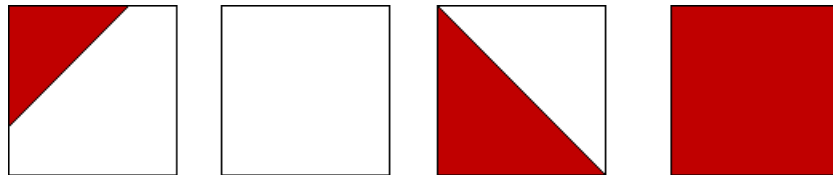


Complete Center and Add Borders

1. Sew your flower to your leaves and stem. Press in either direction.
2. Add Border #1:
Baggie B
(2) 6" by 28" strips
(2) 3.5" by 27.5"
3. Side Borders - Sew 6" by 28" rectangles to sides.
Press to the side borders.
4. Top and Bottom Borders – Sew 3.5" by 27.5" rectangles to top and bottom.
Press to the top and bottom borders.
5. Add Border #2:
Baggie D
(2) 1.5" by 34" rectangles
(2) 1.75" by 29.5" rectangles
6. Side Borders - Sew 1.5" by 34" rectangles to sides.
Press to the side borders.
7. Top and Bottom Borders – Sew 1.75" by 29.5" rectangles to top and bottom.
Press to the top and bottom borders.



8. Choose and sew the corners:
 - a. 7.5" solid squares
 - b. Half square triangles – (2) light and (2) dark 8.5" squares
 Draw a diagonal line on the back of one square
 Place (1) light and (1) dark right sides together.
 Sew (2) seams .. each ¼ " from the diagonal line.
 Cut on the line.
 Press HST open and press to the light.
 Trim to 7.5"
 - c. Smaller triangles in the corner.
 (4) 7.5" background squares
 (4) 5.5" colored squares
 Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 5.5" square.
 Put larger and smaller squares right sides together in one corner.
 Sew on the line.
 Trim a ¼ " seam.
 Sew the remaining triangles and save for another project.



9. Add the final borders to the quilt.
 - a. Sew the corners to the top and bottom Outer Border
 - b. Sew the side borders to the quilt. Press to the border.
 - c. Sew the top and bottom borders to the quilt. Press to the inner border.

