## Block of the Month ~ March 2013

## Shamrock

Makes a $121 / 2$ " unfinished block.

Shamrock: Greens
Background: Black or White
Cut:
(12) $31 / 2$ " Green squares
(1) $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Green square
(9) $23 / 8^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Background square
(2) $5 \frac{1}{2 \prime}$ " Background square

(1) $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\quad$ Background square

Assembly:

1. Place (1) $23 / 8$ " background square on (1) $31 / 2$ " green square and sew diagonal to create a snowball effect. Trim corner $1 / 4$ " from seam. Press to the dark. Repeat for the remaining 8 green squares.
2. Assemble (3) four-patch blocks using 3 of the pieced green squares and (1) plain green square as shown in the below diagram.

3. Piece the stem by laying (1) $51 / 2 "$ background square on the top right corner of the $6 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ green square. Sew diagonally across block, trim excess and press open. Repeat on the opposite corner with the other $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ background square.
4. Place the $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " background square in the lower corner of the $6 \frac{1}{2}$ " green square and sew diagonal to shorten the stem. Trim and press.
5. Assemble the four blocks as indicated in the above diagram to complete the block.

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http://www.quiltingworks.com/howto/shamrock-block.htm

