December 2013 Pieced Pointsetta



12 1/2" unfinished block

We Provide: You Provide

White

One 2 ½" X WOF

Cut this into sixteen 2 ½" X 2 ½" squares

Green

One 2 1/2" X WOF

Cut this into twelve 2 ½" X 2 ½" squares

Bright Red

Four 4½" X 4½" squares

Four 2½" X 2½" squares

Dark Red

Four 2½" X 4½" rectangles

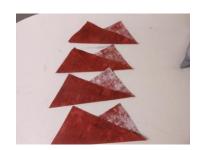
Four 2 ½" X 2 ½" squares

Center flower:

1. Draw a line on the wrong side of the four 2 ½" X 4 ½" rectangles, from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Press along this diagonal line with **WRONG** sides together, creating a triangle. The corners will not meet and you will have an overlap.







2. Lay this triangle on the right side of the Bright Red 4 ½" square with the point downward as shown below. Baste the triangle to the red square within the ½" seam allowance on the upper and far right edges to hold the folded fabric in place. Do **NOT** sew along the folded diagonal edge. We will do this later. Repeat for the other three Bright Red 4 ½" squares and folded dark red rectangles to make 4 units. Trim off the extra fabric tab that extends past the block.







3. Sew the four units together into a pinwheel as shown below, using a scant 1/4 inch seam. Set aside for a moment.

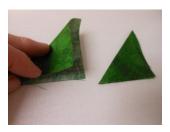






Outer edge:

4. Press the four Bright Red 2 ½" squares, the four Dark Red 2 ½" squares, and eight of the Green 2 ½" squares along the diagonal with **WRONG** sides together, creating a triangle.





5. Lay each triangle onto the right side of one of the sixteen white $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares as shown below. Baste within the $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance to hold the folded fabric in place as shown in step 2. This will make 16 units.



6. Arrange all units and remaining green 2 ½" squares as shown below. Sew units together using a scant 1/4 inch seam to create a 12 ½" block. The diagonal edges of the triangles are cut on the bias and will stretch, so be careful when pressing.



Finishing:

7. To create a curved edge to the folded diagonals of the pointsetta, roll over the folded edges of all triangles (both squares and rectangles) on to itself as you would for a cathedral window. Sew this edge down using your favorite technique – straight stitch, zig zag, or by hand.





