

March is time for shamrocks, but we also begin to dream of spring and flowers. This block combines both. It uses half-square triangles throughout. The half- square triangles can be made any way you choose to make them, but as part of our schoolhouse, we are presenting this block using THANGLES. I have written out the directions for you, but you can also view a demonstration video at <http://www.thangles.com/video.html>.

## March 2013 Shamrock Flowers



12 inch finished block

<b>We Supply:</b>		<b>You Supply:</b>
<b>Dark Green:</b> 2 1/2" strip, 22 inches long 2 1/2" strip, 11 inches long	10 THANGLES squares	<b>Any color:</b> 4 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" rectangles
<b>Gold:</b> 2 1/2" strip, width of fabric 2 2 1/2" squares		<b>Yellow and Green:</b> One 2 1/2" X 7" strips each color

### Half-Square Triangles using THANGLES:

1. Place the Dark Green 22 inch strip on the Gold width of fabric strip, right sides together. Pin one THANGLES paper to the strips along solid cutting lines, keeping the long edges aligned.



2. Stitch on dotted lines, or if you have problems sewing exactly on the dotted lines, it is better to sew just a scant stitch width to the inside of the dotted line.



- Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have sewn 8 THANGLE squares using Dark Green and Gold fabrics.



- Cut on the solid Lines. Accurate cutting on the diagonal line is not important as this is the seam allowance. You will have 16 Half-Square Triangles (HST).



- Press open the THANGLES. Cut off the "bunny tails" and tear away the paper from the HST. Your HSTs should be exactly 2 1/2 inches square!!



- Repeat the above steps for your yellow and green 7 inch strips and the last 2 THANGLES. You will have four 2 1/2" HSTs.



7. Cut 6  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from what remains of the Gold strip. With the 2  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares provided, this should give you 8 total.



**Assembly:**

8. Using all your HSTs, your 4  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, and the 8  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, lay out your block as shown below.



9. Begin by sewing individual pieces into four patch units as shown below.



10. Then sew four patch units into three rows.



11. Sew rows together to make a block. Trim block to  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches square.



Here's a possible layout:

