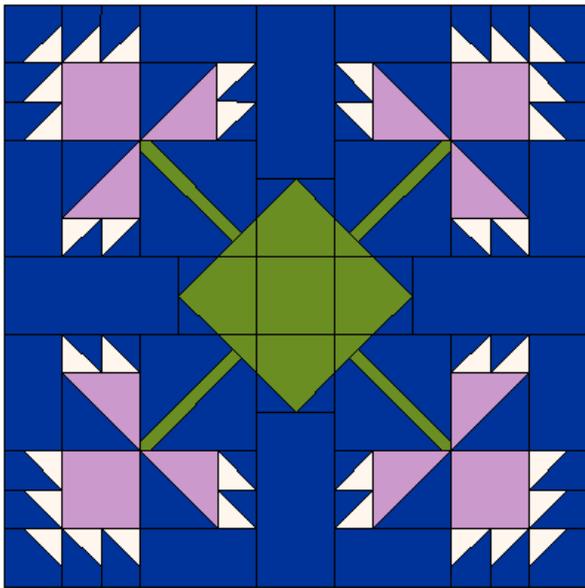


Globe Amaranth

15 inch finished - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ edge to edge



This block is actually called Clover, but when we saw what looked like giant clover at Queen's Park, I renamed this block! You wouldn't plant a section of clover (or let it just grow) in a formal garden, but these wonderful globe amaranth are stunning!



Globe Amaranth was first introduced to Europe from India in 1714. . Amaranth flowers keep their color after they are dried. That's why the ancient Greeks named this plant for the Greek word for "unfading". It produces clover-like flowers in a variety of bright colours - from white through shades of pink and rose through violet and lavender to bronze. They grow to 2' with some bush varieties growing to 4 - 6 feet. The flowers bloom from summer until frost and were a real Victorian favourite.

Background



- 4 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 inch rectangles
- 8 - 2 by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles
- 16 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inch rectangles
- 4 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares
- 4 - 2 inch squares
- 8 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares
- 4 - 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares cut once diagonally OR
- 8 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch half squares (half square or Easy Angle)
- 8 - 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares cut once diagonally OR
- 16 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch half squares cut with ruler

Stems (green)



- 5 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares
- 4 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares
- 4 - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles (yes - $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch but don't worry!)

Blossoms (Violet)



- 4 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares
- 4 - 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares cut diagonally once OR
- 8 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch half square triangles cut with a half square or Easy Angle ruler.

Tips of the blossoms (white)

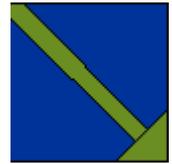


- 20 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares (for connector corners)
- 8 - 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares cut diagonally once OR
- 16 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch half square triangles cut with a half square or Easy Angle ruler.



First - let's use those $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rectangles - they are the narrow stems.

Cut the $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch background squares in half diagonally, and sew a green rectangle between the two halves on the diagonal. Press the seams toward the green strip so it will stand out. Sew the green $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch connectors in one corner across the stem. Square up to measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.

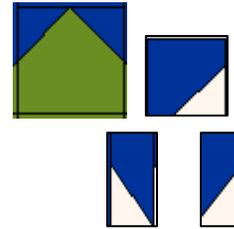


Next, let's do the rest of the connector corners:

Sew 8 background $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares on 4 of the green squares

Sew 4 white $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares on the 2 inch background squares

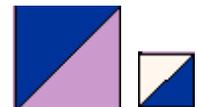
Sew 16 white $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inch background rectangles - 8 on the lower left corner and 8 on the lower right.



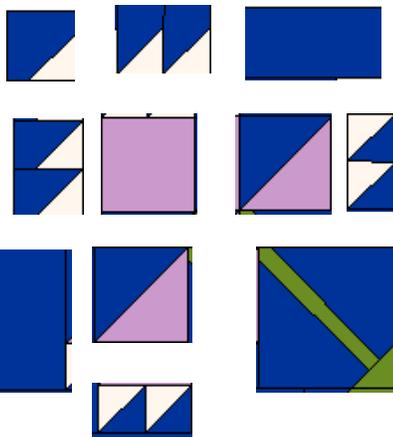
Now sew the half square triangles together -

The violet flowers to the same size background triangles (4 - $2\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares)

The white flower tips to the same size background triangles (16 of them - $1\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares), or sew the corresponding triangles together.



Now all the pieces are together - we can assemble the four flowers. They are basically just a nine patch.

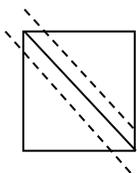


- sew two sets of small half squares together - watch the orientation. ($1\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches when finished)
- Sew these to the large half squares ($3\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches)
- Now it's just a nine patch - sew it together to make a $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch square)

Sew the remaining background rectangles to the green squares with the connectors. will measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Lay out the pieces as shown in the block diagram and sew the final nine patch!



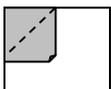
Half Square Triangles:



Use two different fabrics to make two $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles.

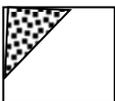
On the back of the lighter of your two fabrics, draw a line kitty corner. Layer your two squares right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the line. Cut along the line, press the seam towards the dark side. If you aren't using the half square to make quarter square blocks, square up to the correct size

Connector Corners:



Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position.

Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.