

Floral Centerpiece

12 inches finished (12 ½ inch edge to edge)

The service is over – Fin and Phe are now linked together by those little gold bands. Back into the cars and off to James and Agnes' home to celebrate!

The garden is looking more beautiful than Ophelia has ever seen it – it is so lush and green, and Agnes has grown lilies in every conceivable spot. The tables are nestled in the large courtyard overlooking the main garden, but close enough to the house for the caterers to keep everyone supplied with plenty of food. James has even had a temporary dance floor laid on a patch of lawn adjacent to the courtyard, and the bar is nestled in the corner. All the neighbours have been supplied with a bottle of wine and some goodies so that they can join in the celebration!

This traditional block appeared in print in 1946



Background – 1 – 3 ½ by 6 ½ inch rectangle

1 – 3 ½ inch square

4 – quarter square triangles cut from 2 inch strip using a Quarter Square or Companion Angle Ruler
(or 1 - 4 ¼ inch square cut diagonally twice)

2 – half square triangles cut from 3 ½ inch strip using a Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler
(or 1 – 3 7/8 inch square cut diagonally once)

Burgundy – 4 quarter square triangles cut from 3 ½ inch strip using a Quarter Square or Companion Angle Ruler
(or 1 – 7 ¼ inch square cut diagonally twice)

Pink - 2 – 3 ½ inch squares
4 – 2 5/8 inch square

Green – 4 quarter square triangles cut from 2 inch strip using a Quarter Square or Companion Angle Ruler
(or 1 - 4 ¼ inch square cut diagonally twice)

Black – 1 – 3 ½ inch square
2 – half square triangles cut from 3 ½ inch strip using a Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler
(or 1 - 3 7/8 inch square cut diagonally once)

Although this block looks rather complicated, some may say it has a lot of pieces, it is really just a four patch. So we'll do each of the four patches, then put it together.

The first patch is pretty simple. Sew one of the pink squares to a background square and add the background rectangle. Once complete, it should measure 6 ½ inches square.



Next we have the base patch. Make two black and background half square triangle blocks to measure 3 ½ inches square. Sew them to one black, and one pink 3 ½ inch squares to make the four patch shown. This will measure 6 ½ inches.



Finally, we do the more complicated blocks. You will need to make two of these ones.

Sew the short side of each of two quarter square triangles to adjacent sides of two pink squares.



Sew a violet quarter square triangle to the left side of the resulting triangles as shown.

Sew two green quarter square triangles to adjacent sides of the remaining pink squares. Sew the remaining violet quarter square triangles to the left side of the resulting triangles.



Sew the two halves together to make a 6 ½ inch square.

All you have to do is sew your four 6 ½ inch squares together to make a 12 ½ inch Centerpiece. Remember to turn it so the pink/purple flowers are on top of the black vase and not the other way up!