

January Block of The Month

Candied Pineapple

Pineapples have long been a symbol for hospitality, so the Eye Candy Quilters thought a Candied Pineapple block was the perfect way to say hello and welcome to the Fabric Dot Com Summer Block Party! This pattern is ripe for variation. Make your pineapples spin, add a little applique, or even flip the colors. Did you know they've made a rose gold pineapple?? Oh the possibilities! As always, all seams are quarter inch and pressed open unless otherwise marked.

Cutting Instructions

PER BLOCK:

From the BACKGROUND:

(2) 2 5/8" squares

(4) 2 1/8" squares

(1) 2 7/8" square

Subcut 2 7/8" square twice on the diagonal to make quarter square triangles. You will only need (2) quarter square triangles per block.

(2) 2 1/2" squares

(2) 3 1/4" x 11 7/8" rectangles

(1) 1 1/8" x 12 1/2" rectangle

From YELLOW A:

(6) 3 3/4" x 2 1/8" rectangles

(1) 2 1/2" square

Subcut 2 1/2" square once on the diagonal to make half square triangles.

From YELLOW B:

(5) 2 1/8" squares

(1) 2 1/2" square

Subcut 2 1/2" square once on the diagonal to make half square triangles.

From YELLOW C:

(5) 2 1/8" squares

(1) 2 1/2" square

Subcut 2 1/2" square once on the diagonal to make half square triangles.

From BOTTOM GREEN:

(1) 2 5/8" square

(1) 2 1/2" square

Subcut 2 1/2" square once on the diagonal to make half square triangles.

From MIDDLE GREEN:

(1) 2 5/8" square

(1) 2 1/2" square

Subcut 2 1/2" square once on the diagonal to make half square triangles.

(1) 2 7/8" square

Subcut 2 7/8" square twice on the diagonal to make quarter square triangles. You will only need (2) quarter square triangles per block.

From TOP GREEN:

(2) 2 1/2" squares

Subcut 2 1/2" square once on the diagonal to make half square triangles.

(1) 2 7/8" square

Subcut 2 7/8" square twice on the diagonal to make quarter square triangles. You will only need (2) quarter square triangles per block.

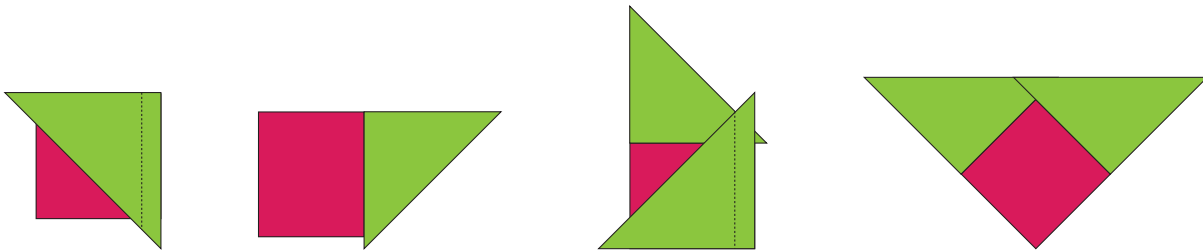
From PINK:

(3) 1 5/8" squares

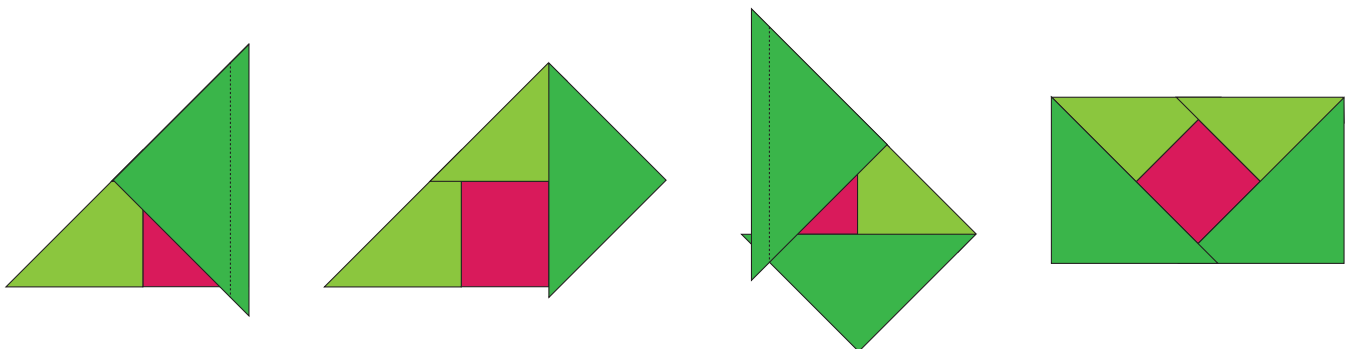
Block Assembly

Let's start at the top, the pineapple top! The leafy greens create a graduated effect depending on how you use your fabric.

Take a pink 1 5/8" square and place a middle green quarter square triangle along one side, stitch and press. Repeat using another middle green quarter square triangle on an adjacent side. Stitch and press.



Do you see how this could be the goose in a flying geese unit? Now we need to add the air. Stitch a bottom green half square triangle to the side, press. Repeat with the other bottom green half square triangle to the adjacent side. Stitch and press.



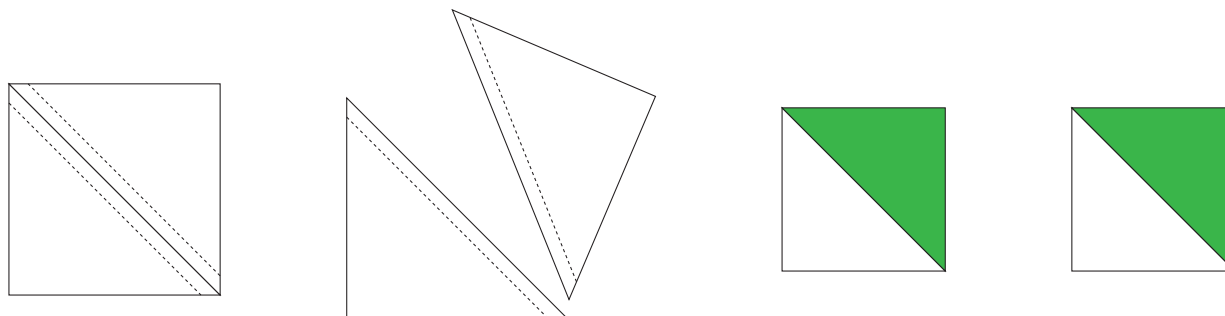
Square and trim up to $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ ".

Repeat the previous steps using (1) pink square, (2) top green quarter square triangles, and (2) middle green half square triangles. One more time! This time use 1) pink square, (2) background quarter square triangles, and (2) top green half square triangles as shown below.



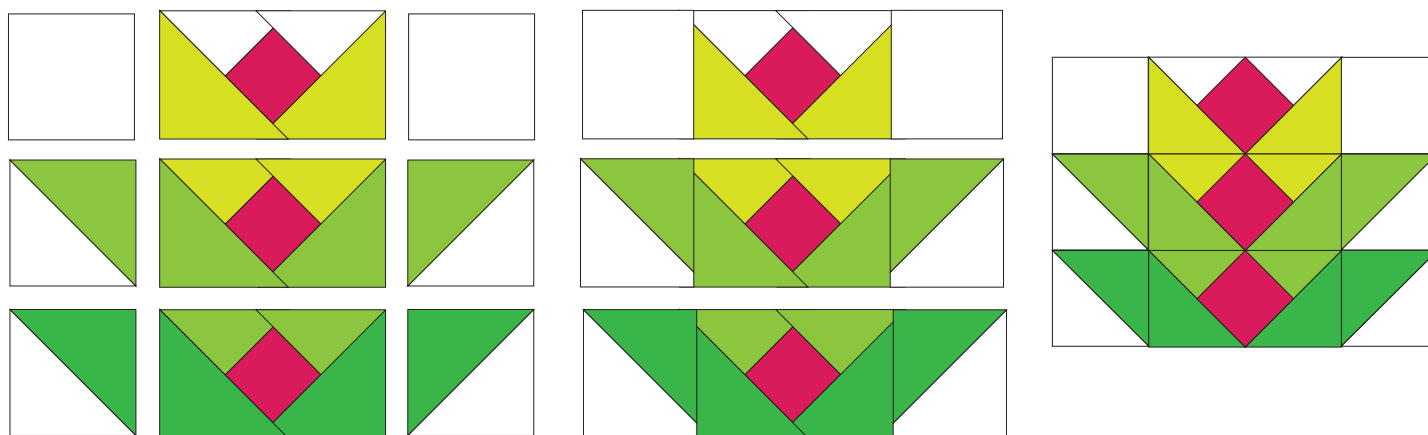
Don't forget to square and trim them up to $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ ".

Pair a background $2\frac{5}{8}$ " square with a bottom green $2\frac{5}{8}$ " square. With right sides together, lightly draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of your background square. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of this line. Cut along the line and press.



Trim and square up your half square triangle units to $2\frac{1}{8}$ " square. Repeat with your remaining $2\frac{5}{8}$ " background square and middle green square so that you have (4) half square triangles.

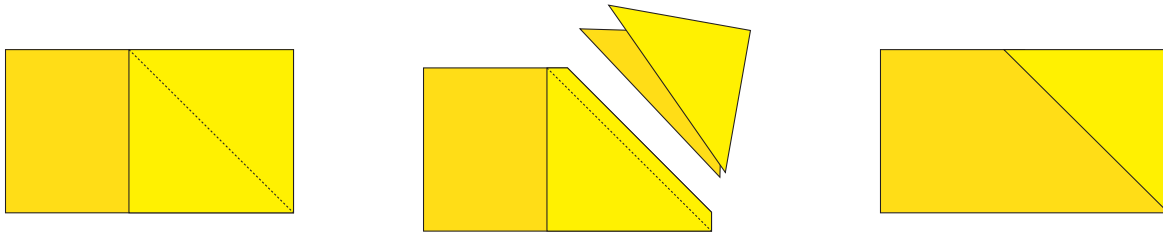
Use the diagram below to stitch together your pineapple top.



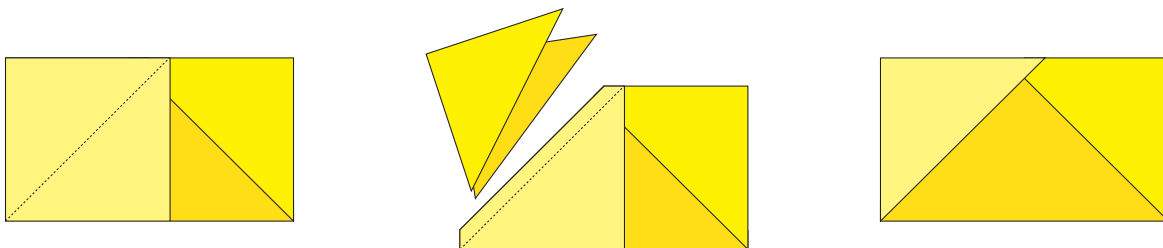
This unit should measure $5\frac{3}{8}$ " x 7" unfinished.

Now for the pineapple body. This is all about the placement of your yellows to get a secondary pattern.

Time for some more flying geese. Take a yellow A $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ " rectangle and place a $2\frac{1}{8}$ " yellow B square on the right end, right sides together. Lightly draw the diagonal on the smaller square and sew on that line. Measure a quarter inch from the seam and trim away the excess fabric. Press.



Let's do it again. Place your yellow C $2\frac{1}{8}$ " square on the other end of your goose-in-progress right sides together. Lightly draw a diagonal line on the smaller square and stitch on the line. Measure a quarter inch from the seam and trim away the excess fabric. Press.



Trim and square your flying geese unit to $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ ". Repeat so that you have (4) geese.

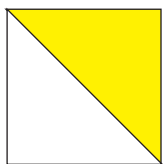
I hear you say, "I have rectangles left over!"

Yes you do, those are for the top of the pineapple. Repeat the previous steps with your (2) remaining yellow A rectangles, yellow B square, yellow C square, and (2) $2\frac{1}{8}$ " background squares *but* refer to the diagrams below for color placement.

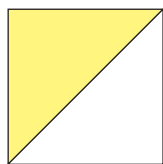


Trim and square your flying geese units to $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{8}$ ".

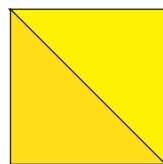
Use the diagrams below to pair up your loose yellow and background half square triangles.



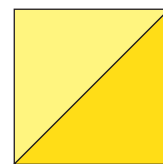
Background
+
Yellow B



Background
+
Yellow C

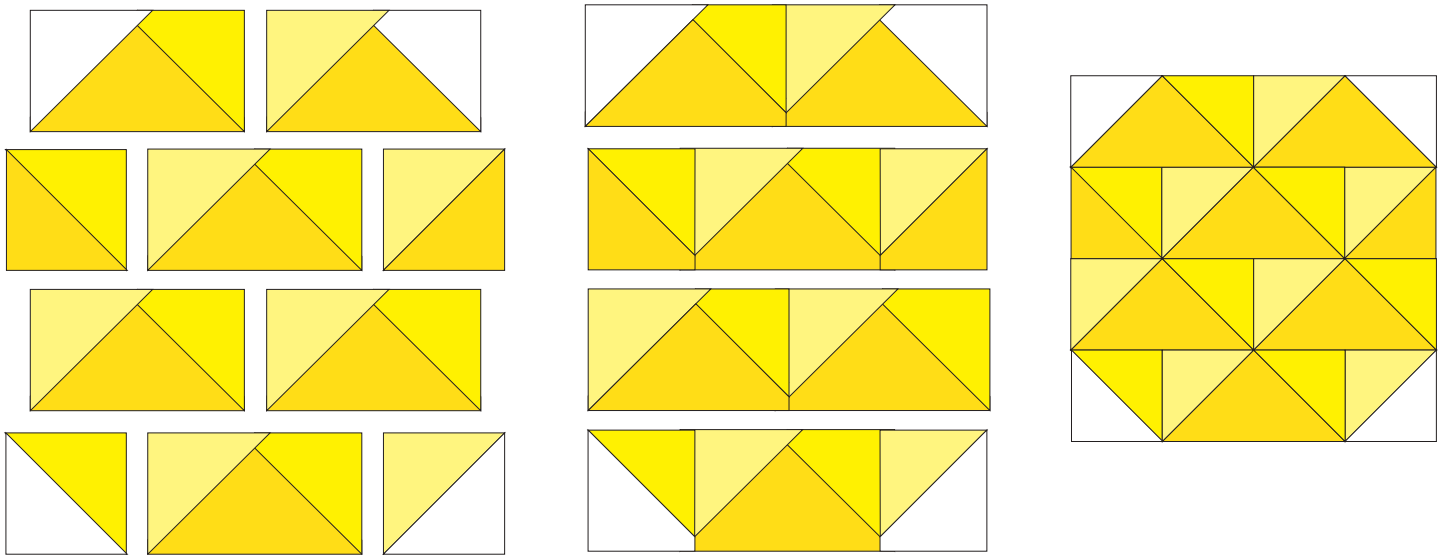


Yellow A
+
Yellow B



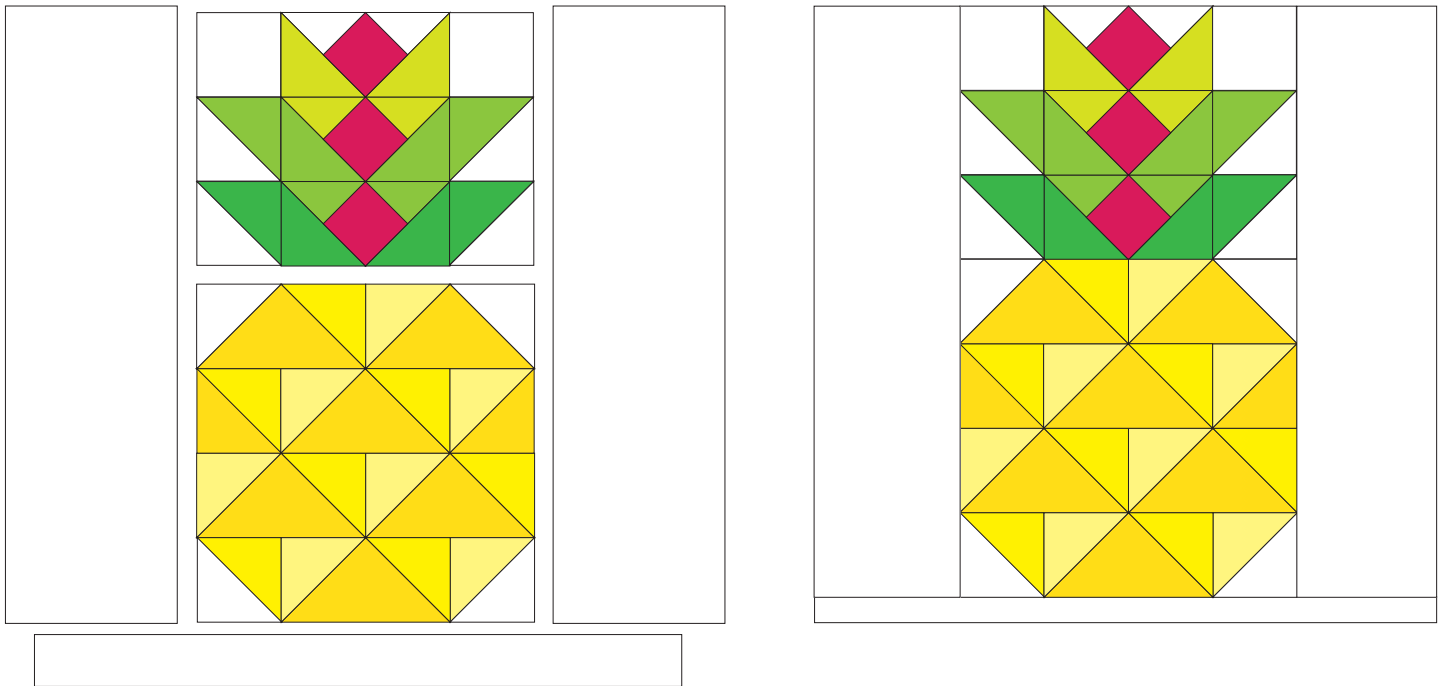
Yellow A
+
Yellow C

Use the diagram below to stitch together your pineapple bottom, press.



This should measure 7" x 7" unfinished.

Stitch your leafy green top to the pineapple bottom. Then, stitch a background $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x $11\frac{7}{8}$ " rectangle to both sides of your pineapple. Press. Finish by stitching a background $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to the bottom of your block.



Your block will measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished; it is a 12" finished block.

Welcome to the block party. Grab your Candied Pineapple, here comes summer!