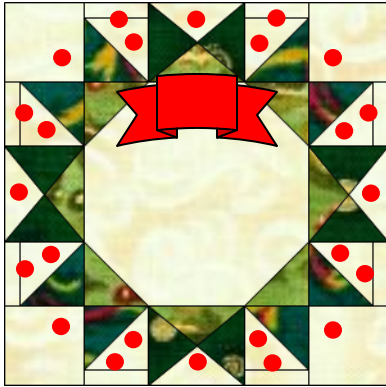


Southern Comforters
Block of the Month
October 2008
Star Wreath



Time to pull out those Christmas fabrics and try a little embellishing. By the end of October, we'll be ready to jump into the holidays! Use red buttons, ribbon, or appliqué to decorate this wreath. Use three GREEN fabrics (one should be a LIGHT GREEN) on a background of WHITE or CREAM. The wreath block should measure 14".

***No penalty for no embellishments – you can leave that for the winner. You can also use more than red to embellish.*

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

LIGHT GREEN (A) – one 4 1/4" square
 four 2 3/4" squares
 GREEN #1(B) – four 3 1/4" squares
 GREEN #2(C) – two 4 1/4" squares

WHITE/CREAM (Background) – one 8" square
 one 4 1/4" square
 four 3 1/2" squares
 four 3 1/4" squares
 eight 1 1/4" x 2 3/4" rectangles

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make eight half-square triangles. Place four 3 1/4" WHITE/CREAM background squares right sides together with each of the four GREEN #1 colors. Mark a diagonal line on the background, and sew a scant 1/4" from each side of the line. Cut them in half and press toward the green. Square up the resulting squares to 2 3/4". Sew the eight 1 1/4" x 2 3/4" background rectangle to the background side of each triangle, ensuring that half are reversed.
2. Make four hourglass squares. Place two 4 1/4" GREEN #2 square right sides together each with a 4 1/4" WHITE/CREAM background square and a 4 1/4" LIGHT GREEN square. Make half-square triangles (see 1 above). Press away from the background. Place two different half-square triangles together with GREEN #2 on opposing sides. Drawing the diagonal line perpendicular to the existing seam, use the process of making a half-square triangle (above in #1) to finish the hourglass square. Press away from the light green. Square up the result to 3 1/2". Sew a pair of reversed half-square triangles on either side of the hourglass square.
3. Make a snowball square. Place the four 2 3/4" LIGHT GREEN squares right sides together on each corner of the 8" WHITE/CREAM square. Sew on the diagonal, trim, and press away from the green.
4. Sew the 3 1/2" WHITE/CREAM background squares onto either side of the hourglass squares, making rows 1 and 3. Sew the two remaining hourglass squares to either side of the snowball square, making row 2.
5. Embellish your star as you might a wreath – touches of red can include berries, balls, a ribbon or birds (buttons, pom-poms, appliqué) or try some "bling" with a bit of metallic gold or silver. Measure to make sure your block is at least 14" square, but leave the trimming to the winner of the block. Sign it, please!

