August Block of the Month

Blossom

Blocks are due September 7.

Make in two hues of bright pinks, orange center and corners, green leaves and white on white background. The two pinks should be close in value but different in hue. Make one for the contest following the color suggestions and one for the Community Quilt Project in your own color scheme. Place a kid friendly print in the center if you wish. Make another block for your own sampler quilt.

From background fabric A (white on white):

Cut twelve squares 2 ½" by 2 ½"
Cut four squares 3"by 3"

From fabric B (bright pink B1 and B2):

Cut four rectangles 2 ½" by 4 ½" B1 Cut four rectangles 2 ½" by 4 ½" B2

From fabric C (orange):

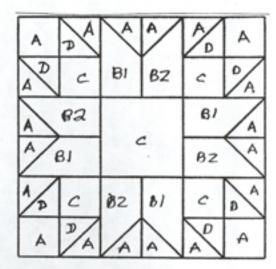
Cut one square 4 ½" by 4 ½" Cut four squares 2 ½" by 2 ½"

From Fabric D (emerald green):

Cut four squares 3" by 3"

Sewing instructions:

1. For corner units: Pair four 3" by 3" squares of A (white on white with four squares of D (emerald green). Draw a line from upper left to lower right corner on wrong side of A. Sew 1/4" seam on both sides of the line. Trim on the line. Press seam towards dark. Repeat until you have eight half square triangles, these are oversize. Square up blocks to 2 1/2" by 2 1/2". Following diagram, sew one 2 1/2" by 2 1/2" square of A (white on white background) to a half square triangle of D/A (green/white) fabric. Sew a 2 1/2" by 2 1/2" square of C (orange) fabric to a half square triangle of D/A (green/white). Make four corner units.



2. For center side units: On wrong side of eight 2 ½" by 2 ½" squares of fabric A (white on white background) draw a line from upper left to lower right corner. Place right sides together with four B1 (pink) and four B2 (pink) 2 ½" by 4 ½" rectangles.

NOTE: ROTATE SQUARES ON FOUR RECTANGLES SO THAT LINES GO FROM UPPER RIGHT TO LOWER LEFT. (See diagram) Sew on line. Press to the corner. Trim away two under layers. Four rectangle units of B1 fabric should be mirror images of the other four rectangle units of B2 fabric. On the four right facing rectangles, press seam toward dark. Sew mirror rectangle units together in pairs nesting opposite seam allowances. Press center seam open.

Following diagram sew corner unit to side units and side units to center square. Block should measure 12 ½".

