

Fab Slab Shamrock.

A bit o' luck for St. Patrick's Day from The AI Quilter.

Finished Size: 10" x 10"

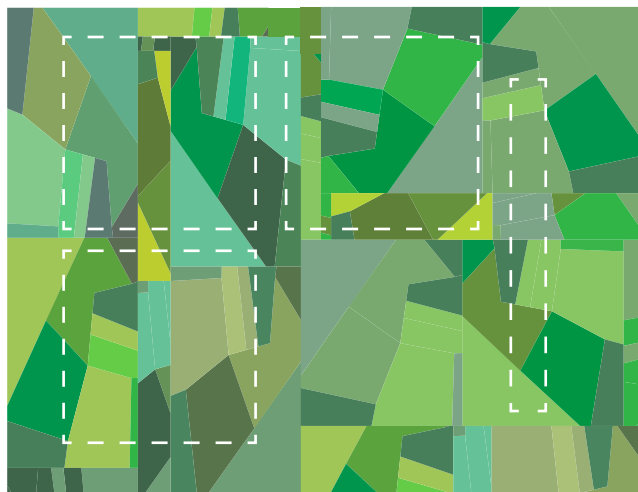
Cutting Instructions for One Slab Shamrock Block

Green Fabric (Shamrock Slabs)

Gather green scraps and sew them together to form a slab of fabric.

Cut three (3) squares measuring 5.5" x 5.5" from the slab.

Cut one (1) strip from the slab fabric approximately 1" wide and at least 9.5" long for the stem.



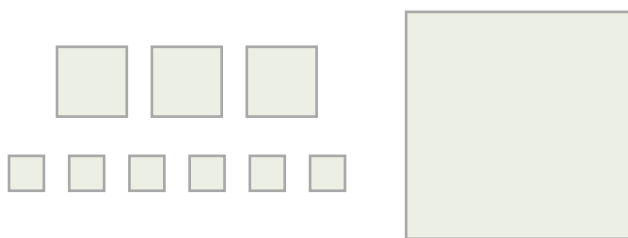
Background Fabric

Your background fabric can be any color you wish; for this example, I am using a pale tan so it shows up in images, but experiment with fabric that speaks to you!

Cut three (3) squares measuring 2" x 2" (for large corner triangles on the leaves).

Cut six (6) squares measuring 1" x 1" (for small corner triangles on the leaves).

Cut one (1) square measuring 6.5" x 6.5" (for the stem block background).



Sewing Instructions for One Block

Step 1: Create Shamrock Leaves (Make 3)

Decide which way is up for your block. To help you know where to place the corner triangles, we'll call the top of the block "north."

Place the Background Triangles.

On one 5.5" green slab square, position a 2" background square on the northwest corner.

Position 1" background squares on the northeast and southwest corners of the same green square.

Stitch the Triangles.

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the background squares. Sew directly on the drawn line.

Trim and Press.

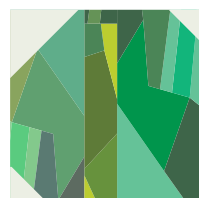
Trim 1/4" away from the sewn line.

Fold back and press the triangles open.

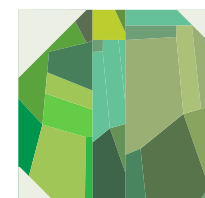
Repeat for all three green slab squares to form the shamrock leaves.



Leaf 1



Leaf 2



Leaf 3

Step 2: Create the Stem Block

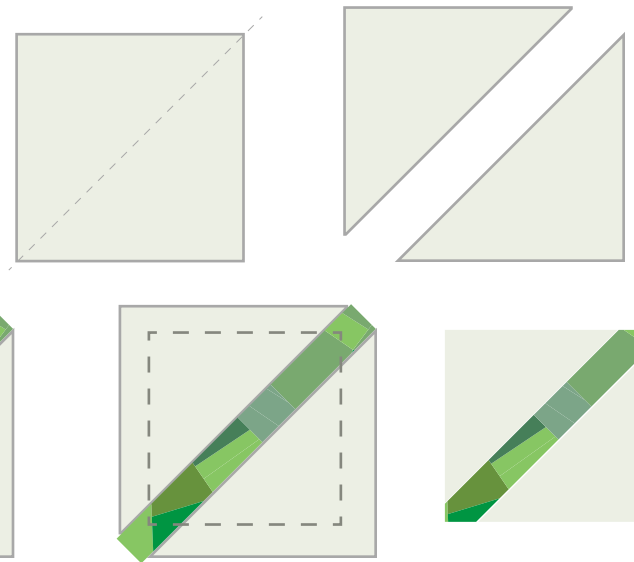
Take the 6.5" background square and cut it diagonally from corner to corner.

Insert the green slab strip between the two triangles.

Sew the strip to one triangle first, then attach the second triangle to the other side of the strip. It's OK if things feel a little wonky. We'll trim this down in a moment.

Press the block flat.

Square up the block to measure 5.5" x 5.5".



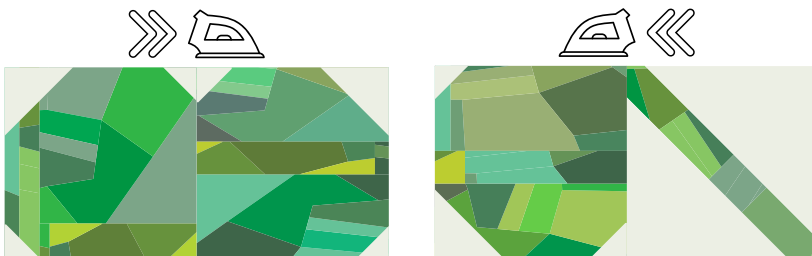
Step 3: Assemble the Block

Lay out your pieces so there are two leaf blocks on top, and the stem block and remaining leaf block on the bottom.

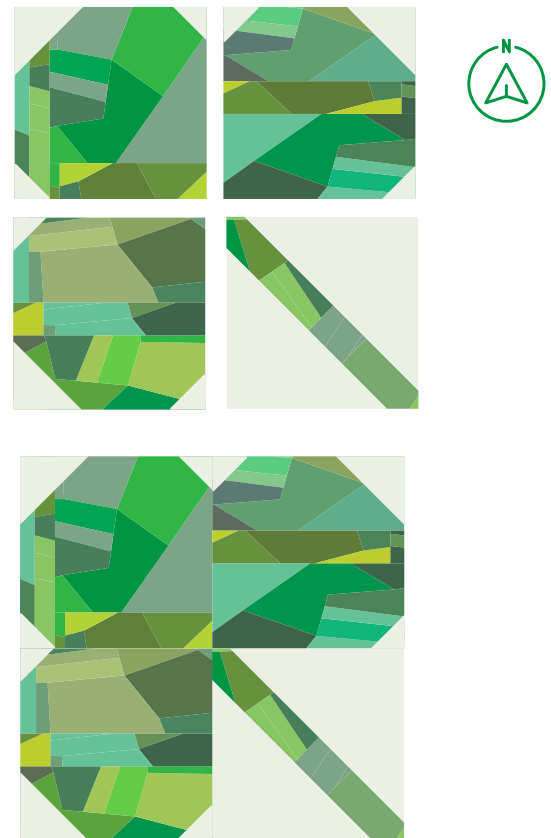
Rotate the leaf blocks so the big background triangles are on the northwest, southwest and northeast corners.

Sew the top two blocks together, pressing to the right leaf if bulk allows.

Sew the bottom two blocks together, pressing away from the stem block.



Stitch the top row and bottom row together, nesting the center seams.



Project Idea: Table Runner

Create several fab slab shamrock blocks and add a border and sashing to make a fun springtime table runner that adds a bit o' the green to dull, dreary March days.

