

Sampler Quilt

Workshop notes - Block 7

Card Trick

The 3D effect of the card trick is worked through the magic of colour

You could use just two colours (which would make cutting simpler!)

But the sample has used 3.

There are

2 floral cards

1 pink card

1 green card

Background fabric

Cutting:

From the floral fabric

Cut 2x5" squares and divide on one diagonal to give 4 half-square triangles

1 x 5 ¼" square which needs to be cut on both diagonals to give 4 small quarter-square triangles

From the pink fabric and from the green fabric

cut 1 x 5" square cut on one diagonal to give 2 half-square triangles

1 x 5 ¼" square divided on both diagonals – you will only need 2 of these triangles (so discard 2)

From the background fabric

Cut 2 x 5" squares and cut on one diagonal so that you have 4 half-square triangles

1 x 5 ¼" square which needs to be cut on both diagonals to give 4 small quarter-square triangles

Lay all the pieces out in front of you so that they look like the picture!

Sewing:

Now pick up and sew some of the smaller pieces together:

For example the centre square is made up of 4 smaller triangles – so you need to sew these together as two halves and then the two halves together – as you did for the Ohio Star block.

For the squares that have both quarter-square triangles and a half square triangle in them, you need to sew the two quarter-square triangles together and then sew them onto the half-square triangles.

Pay attention when you are sewing along this long bias seam that you don't stretch the fabrics – this is particularly true of the corner squares.

When all the smaller blocks have been sewn (including the corner squares) you can check the size and square up if necessary

Lay them back down in front of you to make sure that all the squares are in the right place and then you can start sewing the rows together in the same way that you have with all the other blocks.

Sewing by Hand

If you are sewing by hand you can follow exactly the same steps but just make sure that when you trim you don't cut through any stitching.

Seams are pressed all in one direction – they are not pressed open for hand sewing.