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CHEERY CHERRIES

Feeling festive? Fresh and bright, these cherries are sure to warm your spirits as Autumn winds rage outside. They might even inspire you to make a cherry pie! Or a cherry pie quilt!

~Robin Engelman & Joy West



Fabrics & Cutting

Pieced Cherries - 12 1/2" by 12 1/2"

Colors:

Cherries: red

Leaves & Stems: Green

Background: neutral

Cutting Instructions:

Cherries: Cut two 6" squares (or make pieced blocks).

Leaves: Cut two 6 1/2" W x 4 1/2" H (or make pieced blocks).

Stem: Cut two 8" L x 1" W.

Background: Cut one 1 1/2" W x 6" L.

Cut eight 2" squares.

Cut four 2 1/2" squares.

(Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of the 2" and 2 1/2" squares.)

Cut two 4 1/2" squares. Cut both in half diagonally into triangles (four in total).

Cut two 3" W x 4 1/2" H.

Sewing Instructions

All seam allowances are 1/4".

STEP 1: Cherries

- Each cherry starts as a 6" square. You can use a whole piece or make a 9-patch block or other block to finish 5 1/2" with 1/4" seam allowance all around.

- "Snowball" the cherry squares with the 2" background squares, in other words round them out by

sewing on the diagonal line, trimming away the corner at 1/4" from the seam, and pressing open with the seam allowance towards the cherry. (figure 1)



figure 1

- Sew the 1 1/2" W x 6" L background strip between the two cherries. The section should be 12 1/2" W x 6" H when finished.

STEP 2: Leaves

- Each leaf starts as a rectangle 6 1/2" W x 4 1/2" H. They can be whole, pieced with 2 1/2" squares, strip pieced, etc.

- Shape the leaves by sewing 2 1/2" squares on the diagonal to the top right and lower left corner of one leaf and to the opposite, the top left and lower right of the other. (figure 2)

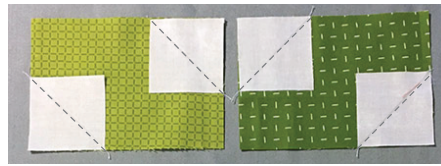


figure 2

- Sew the two leaves together so that they point upward as shown. Press the seam open rather than to the side.

STEP 3: Stems

- Note: This section is constructed larger and then trimmed to fit.

- If you have not yet cut both 4 1/2" squares on the diagonal, do so now.

- Center an 8" stem strip on the long edge of one triangle, being careful not to stretch the diagonal, sew and press open towards the stem. (figure 3)



figure 3

- Sew the other side to the stem making sure it is centered. Press open. Repeat with the other stem.
- Sew the two stems together making an upside down "V". Press the seam open rather than to the side.
- Sew a 3" W x 4 1/2" H piece on each end.
- Trim the point of the "V" so that there is a 1/4" seam allowance above the point where the stems meet. Trim the lower edge 3 1/2" down from the top edge, being careful to keep parallel with the top. (figure 4)

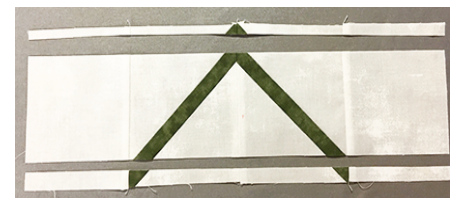


figure 4

FINISH:

- Center the stems at the base of the leaves and sew. Trim the section to be 7"H.
- Center the cherries to the stems and sew. Trim the sides even and square your block to 12 1/2".

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The finished block should measure about 12 1/2" by 12 1/2" (12" by 12" block with 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.)

