

FEBRUARY 2022 BOM)M TOMATO

To-MAY-to! To-MAH-to! This juicy block is easy to assemble and oh, so cute! Sew up a whole bushel full of them to mash up into a summer table runner or picnic cloth. Be sure to make a block for the drawing and one for your fruit & vegetable quilt! ~Robin Engelman & Joy West

Fabrics & Cutting

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

Colors:

Tomato- scrappy reds (or choose heirloom colors: yellow gold / green / pink / purple) Leaves- dark green Background- neutral

Cutting Instructions:

NOTE: For the tomato, all squares are 3 1/2".

Tomato- cut 12, 3 1/2" squares Leaves- cut 3, 3 ¹/₂" squares (draw a diagonal line) **Stem-** cut 1, 1" w x 3 ½" h Background- cut 8, 3 ¹/₂" squares (draw a

diagonal line from one corner across to the other on the back of 10 squares.)

Sewing instructions

All seam allowances are 1/4".

STEP 1: Leaves - Half Square Triangles

• Make your half square triangles (HST's) by your favorite method. Pair up the following combos (face to face), and draw a diagonal line between the corners on one side:

- 1- green & background
- 2- green & red
- 4- red & background

• If you use scrappy 3 ¹/₂" squares, then sew directly on the diagonal line. Trim away one corner leaving ¼" seam allowance. Press open the seams.

 If you are making multiple blocks, make your HST's blocks a ½" bigger, 4" in this case. Sew 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line and get two HST's each. (Press open. Trim to size, 3 ½".)

STEP 2: Stem

 Sew the 1" x 3¹/₂" green rectangle to the side of a background square.



 Press the seam open.

 Trim away the opposite side to bring it back to 3 ¹/₂" square



STEP 3: Assembly

again.

 Lay out the squares and HST's as shown below and sew together. It will piece together and lay flattest if you press the seams open.

Press the completed block, and trim to 121/2"x 121/2" to finish!



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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.)

