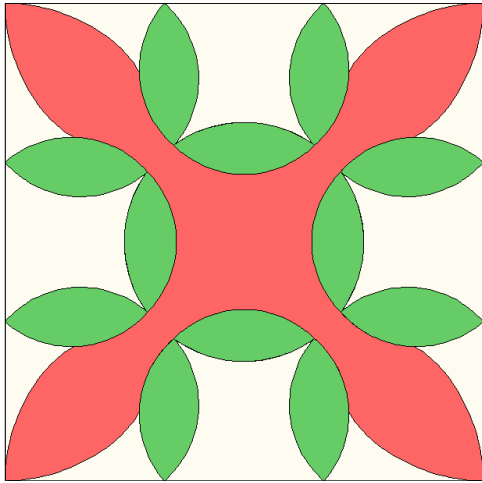


## Midget Blocks—Block 9

Midget Blocks are a series of wonderful little blocks adapted from an antique sampler quilt made during the 1930s. I hope you'll enjoy making these blocks and a sampler quilt of your own.

Most of the blocks were made using just two colors. A print or solid color and the background fabric. This block however uses three fabrics. Two solid colors and the background fabric.

**This block was originally constructed by hand piecing. To make it easier to achieve the same look, I chose hand appliqué to complete my block. I think you'll like the results.**



**Cactus Bloom**  
4 1/2"

### Cutting:

#### Background

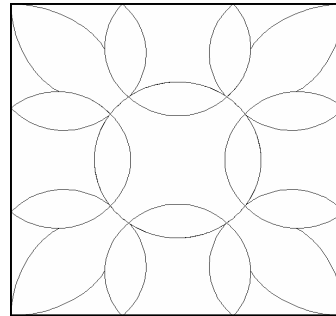
Cut 1 square 6" x 6"

#### Green Solid

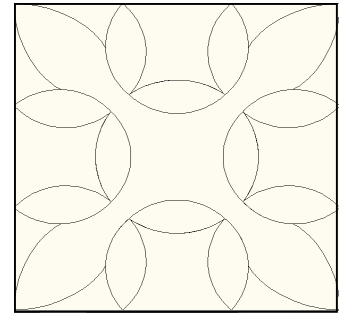
Scrap pieces for center circle and leaves

#### Pink Solid

Scrap pieces for bloom

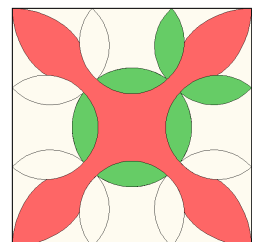
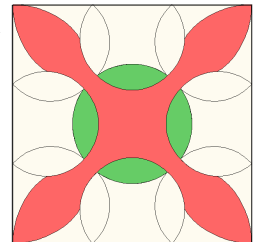
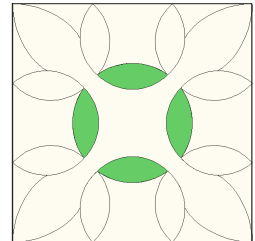


1930s drawing



Updated drawing

1. The first thing we need to do is make templates for our appliqué pieces. I like to use freezer paper to make mine. You can trace each appliqué section on the paper side of the freezer paper and cut out on the drawn line. One important thing to remember, is to cut piece number 1 as a complete circle. Using a hot, dry iron, press the template pieces, shiny side down on the right side of your fabrics. Draw around each template on the fabric and cut out adding a scant 1/4" seam allowance. *For more detailed instructions, look in the Quilting Instructions section of the web site.*
2. Center your 6" background square, right side up, over the appliqué pattern. Pin in place so it won't slip on you. Using a marking pencil, mark the background for placement by tracing the design 1/8" INSIDE of the printed lines. You'll center the appliqué pieces over this drawing so your placement lines will be covered.
3. Appliqué the block according to the numbering order on the pattern. Piece 1 is the center green circle. Piece number 2 is the pink cactus bloom flower. Piece 3 is for the leaves—you'll appliqué one on each side of the bloom points.
4. When the appliqué is completed, trim your block to the 5" unfinished size.



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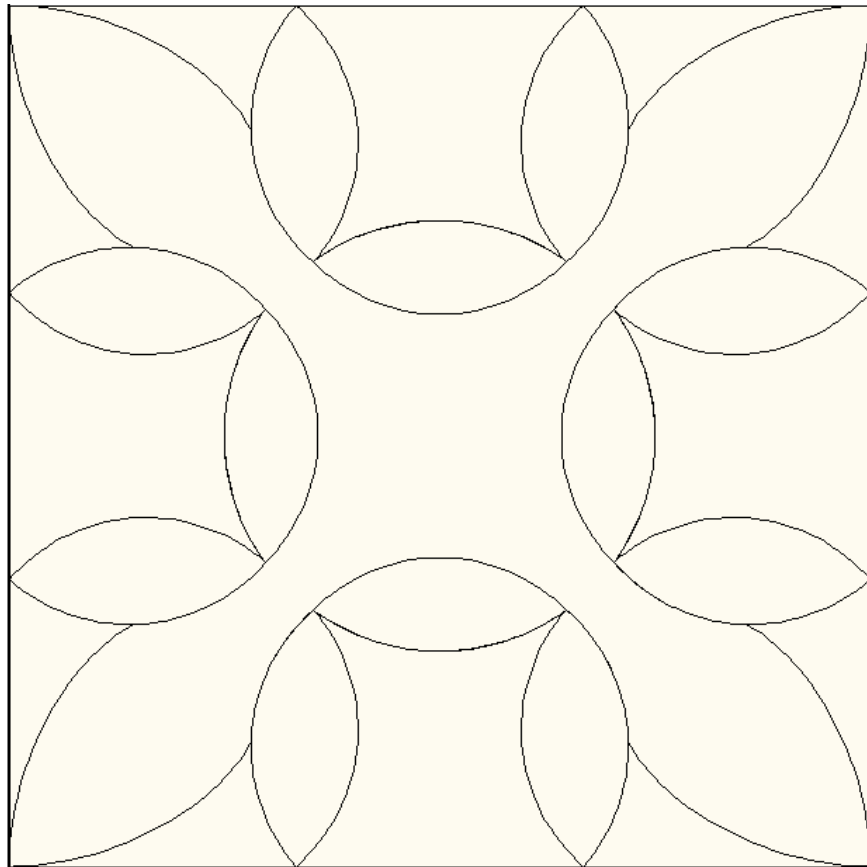
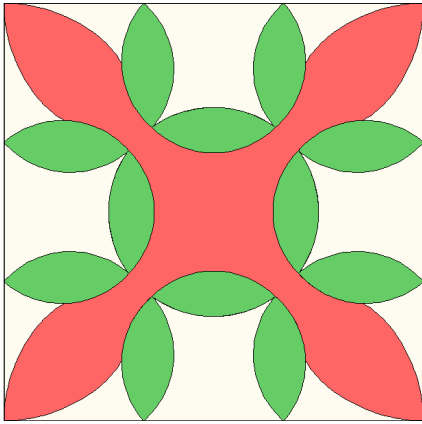
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