

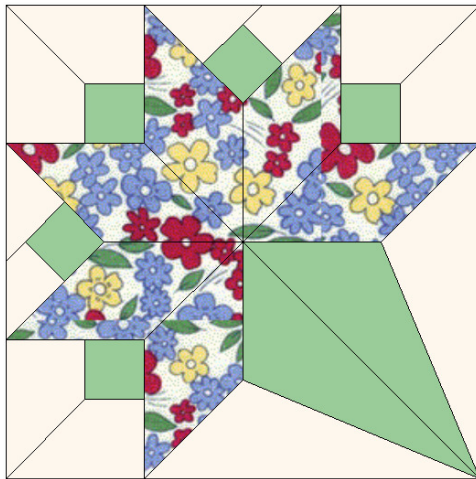
Midget Blocks—Block 40

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.

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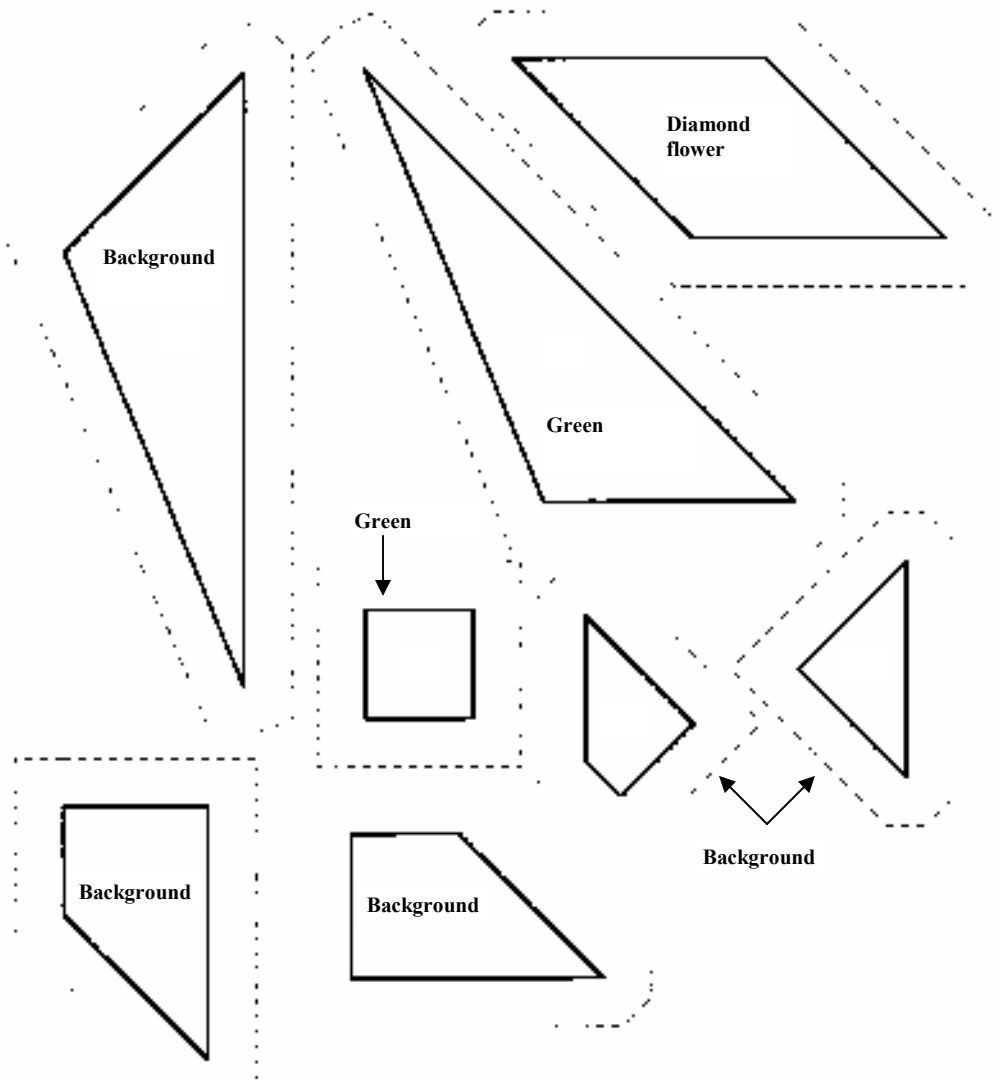
Nosegay—4 1/2"

In the antique quilt this block is the fifth block from the left in the third row.



This block is easiest to construct using hand piecing.

1. The first thing we need to do is make templates for each of the patchwork pieces. I recommend using template plastic for these because you'll need to be able to trace around them. Remember, with hand piecing your templates do not include the seam allowance.
2. On the reverse side of the fabric, mark around the templates on their respective fabrics. Remember to leave at least 1/2" between your markings so you'll have enough room for the seam allowance.
3. Cut out each piece, adding a 1/4" seam allowance as you cut. Remember to cut mirror images of the green stem and background pieces if you're using a print fabric. If you're using a solid color fabric it won't matter.
4. I would proceed by sewing together the print diamonds together in two groups of three.
5. Add a green stem piece the remaining side of the three diamond units.
6. Sew the two units together along the long straight edge. You now have a nosegay shape.
7. You'll need to sew together three square sections and two triangle sections. They each start with a green square and are surrounded by background pieces. You'll also need to cut out the last two background pieces.
8. Inset these square and triangle units in position around the nosegay shape. Complete the block by inseting the last two background pieces. **Your unfinished block should measure 5".**



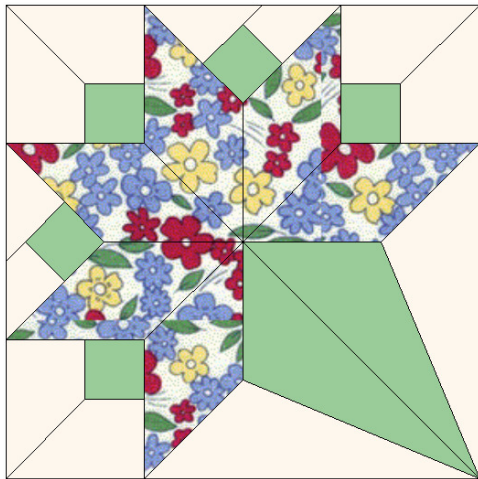
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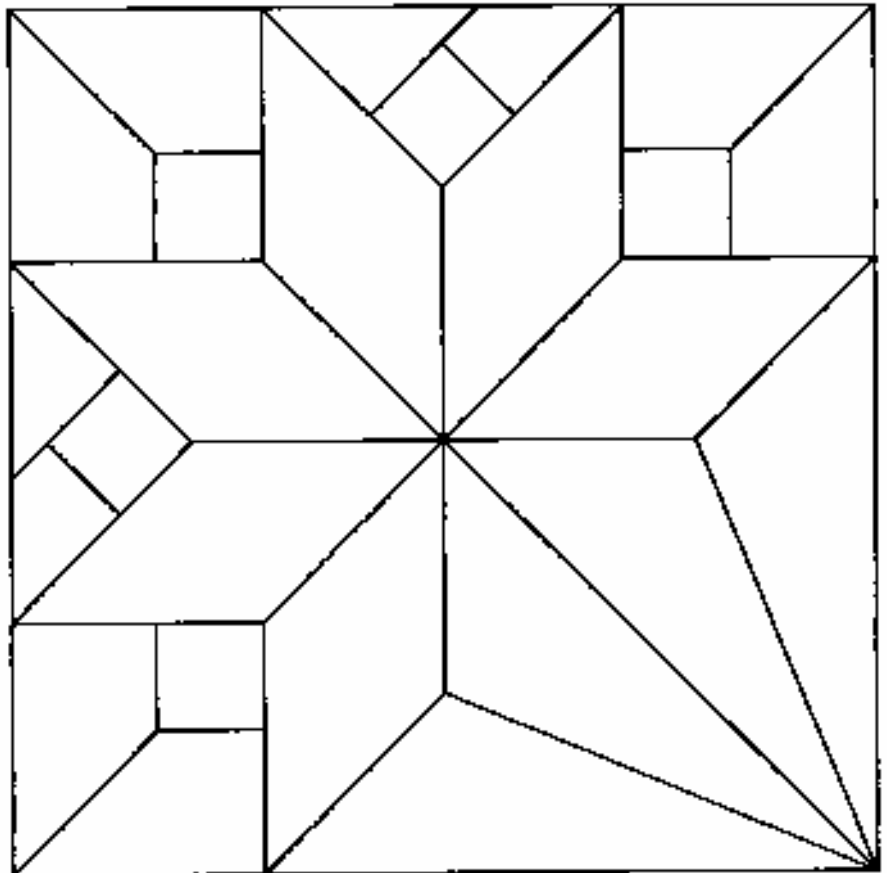
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This block is easiest to construct using hand piecing.

1. When I started to work on this block I decided that a printed version of the entire full size block would serve me better for my hand piecing.
2. Print this page on a 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of freezer paper.
3. Label each section for color and cut the block apart exactly on the printed lines.
4. Iron the shiny side of the freezer paper to the wrong side of your fabrics. Remember to leave at least 1/2" between your markings so you'll have enough room for your seam allowance.
5. On the reverse side of the fabric, mark around the freezer paper templates on their respective fabrics.
6. Cut out each piece, adding a 1/4" seam allowance as you cut. You'll have a template for each piece which will take care of the mirror image pieces.
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