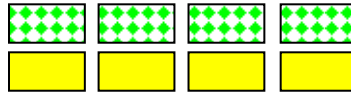


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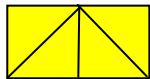
Block of the Month – March, 2009

I thought it would be fun to use a hot lime green as one fabric for this 12-1/2" block (unfinished), and make the other a bright fabric of your choice – hot pink, bright yellow, or neon orange. Working on this should wake you up for the Spring!

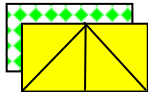
Cut: Hot lime green fabric: four 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangles
 Bright color: four 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangles



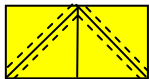
Construct your block:



1) On each bright rectangle, lightly draw a straight line 3-7/8" from the short edge dividing the rectangle in half and forming two squares. Then draw two diagonal lines through the center of the two squares as shown.



2) Place evenly together one green and one bright 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle with right sides together, the bright one on top.



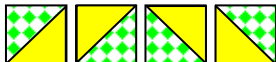
3) Still holding the two rectangles together, sew a line 1/4" away from the diagonal line on both sides.



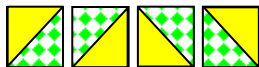
4) Cut the rectangles apart on the drawn lines creating four half square triangle components. Press the seams to the green side. The finished half-triangle square should measure 3-1/2" square.



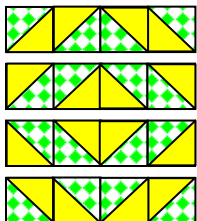
5) Repeat Steps 1-4 three more times with the other rectangles, to make a total of **16 half-triangle squares**, each measuring 3-1/2" square.



6) Use four of the half-triangle squares in the arrangement shown to make the first row of the block. Press the seams toward the right. Repeat this step to make the block's bottom row, except press the seams toward the left.



7) Use four more of the half-triangle squares in the arrangement shown to make the second row of the block. Press the seams toward the left. Repeat this step to make the block's third row, except press the seams toward the right.



8) Reposition the rows as shown and sew them together, carefully butting together the seams so the intersections match. You've completed your 12-1/2" Fiesta block!

