

Strawberry Fields Forever

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The Beatles' 1967 hit "Strawberry Fields Forever" has long been considered one of the greatest pop songs ever recorded. Released in February of that year as a double A side single along with Penny Lane, the song peaked at number eight on the US Billboard charts (The Turtles' "Happy Together" was number one that week).

On July 7, 1936, Strawberry Field, a mansion in Liverpool, was opened as an orphanage for up to forty girls. Two decades later, boys would be allowed in, but throughout most of John's childhood, Strawberry Field was an all-girls' orphanage.

Lennon often alluded to how Strawberry Field was representative of his childhood, on the outside foreboding but once he climbed over that wall, full of wildflowers and secretive gardens. It's also thought that he greatly identified with the orphans who lived there, considering that he felt abandoned by his parents. In 1980, he explained his childhood thinking, "There was something wrong with me, I thought, because I seemed to see things other people didn't see."

Have a listen while you imagine your strawberry block: https://youtu.be/HtUH9z_Oey8

Remember that you can always design your own block.

As always, your blocks are either 18 ½ or 12 ½ inches unfinished; 18 or 12 inches finished.

Below is a lovely tutorial that I used.

Strawberry Block - A Tutorial

<https://skyberrieshandmade.blogspot.com/2014/08/strawberry-block-tutorial.html>

For a 12 ½ in Block

PINK	GREEN	WHITE
17 x 2 in squares 3 x 2 ½ in squares	2 x 2 ½ in squares from print A 2 x 2.5in squares from print B 2 x 2in squares from print C	4 x 2in squares 5 x 2.5in squares Srtips to finish block to 12 ½ in

For an 18 ½ in Block

PINK	GREEN	WHITE Background
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<p>17 x 3 in squares 3 x 3 ½ in squares</p>	<p>2 x 3 ½ in squares from print A 2 x 3 ½ in squares from print B 2 x 3 in squares from print C</p>	<p>4 x 3 in squares 5 x 3 ½ in squares Strips to finish the block at 18 ½ in</p>
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