

## Sunflower block 3

This block finishes at 12 x 12, raw size 12½ x 12½. Please sew with accurate ¼” seams. There will be fewer headaches for you when assembling the units into the completed block, and for our volunteers who will be using the donated blocks to make our projects.

Please use assorted scrappy yellows, scrappy greens and assorted white and ecru tone on tones or small prints. This will make for more interesting projects with less concern about matching the colors in donated blocks.

Cutting:

brown print:	1 square at 4½ x 4½
yellows:	2 squares at 6 x 6
	2 squares at 5½ x 5½
	4 squares at 2½ x 4½
greens:	2 squares at 3 x 3
backgrounds:	8 squares at 2½ x 2½
	2 squares at 6 x 6
	2 squares at 3 x 3

### **Construction:** (HST = half square triangle)

**Corners:** (make 4 HST) Place a green 3x3 square and a background 3x3 square right sides together. Draw a light pencil line diagonally across the back one of the squares. Stitch ¼” on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line and carefully press the 2 half square triangles formed open. Trim them to measure 2½ x 2½. Now use the four yellow 2½ x 4½ rectangles and four of the 2½ x 2½ background squares. Snowball one end of each rectangle, being careful of the orientation of the snowball seam. Use the a trimmed HST, a 2½ x 2½ background square and a 2½ x 4½ snowballed rectangle to form a corner unit. Construct 4 of these units.

**“Middle Petals”** *The method I will describe here will make pairs of units that have the same colors in them. You will have the 4 units needed for the block. I wanted more scrappiness so I did this procedure again with other colors as you see in the photo of the block.*

Place a 6 x 6 yellow square and a 6 x 6 background square right sides together. Draw a light line diagonally across the back of one of the squares. Then stitch ¼” on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line and press the HSTs open. Now take the 2 yellow 5½ x 5½ squares and draw a light line diagonally across the back of each one. Place one of the yellow squares right sides together with one of the HSTs you made previously. If it is not exactly the same size as the HST fudge it and center it on the HST. Make sure the line on the yellow square is oriented to cross the seam in the HST. Stitch ¼” on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line and press the block open. Trim these blocks to 4½ x 4½.

### **Completion:**

Layout your units so that you are pleased with the color distribution and direction of the diagonal seams.

Top row of block = corner unit + middle petal + corner unit (Be careful on the orientation of the blocks!)  
Middle row of block = middle petal + center square + middle petal;

Bottom row of block = corner unit + middle petal + corner unit (Be careful on the orientation of the blocks!)

