



The Project

“Slanting Triangles” is an easy and very satisfying project as it can be finished in a weekend.

The challenge this quilt presents is mitred borders and a mitred binding with contrasting fabrics. The mitred borders emphasize the diagonals running through the entire layout and give the quilt a sophisticated and stylish look.

Finished Quilt Size

52" x 60" (ca. 132 cm x 152 cm)

Finished Block Size

9" (22.5 cm)

Difficulty

Easy to Intermediate



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Read all the instructions carefully including those on quilting and finishing before starting the project. If you are still fairly new to quilting, come to

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for more information.

Technique and Layout

The triangles in the twelve 9" (23 cm) blocks are cut without templates and can be pieced together very quickly. The blocks are set in a horizontal 3 by 4 layout. The two borders with mitred corners represent the only challenge in this quilt.

„Slanting Triangles“ is suitable for beginners. If you are an absolute novice to both quilting and sewing, you could replace the mitred borders by simple borders.

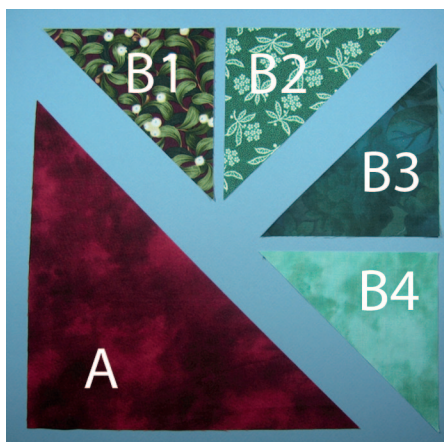
This quilt was machine quilted using a simple rose motif. Beginners could easily quilt „in the ditch“ if the thought of free-motion machine quilting puts you off. Quilting „in the ditch“ means quilting on or very close to the seam.

Slanting Triangles Block

Cutting for Two Blocks

From red fabric, cut one 9 7/8" (25 cm) square. Cut the square diagonally into two half-square triangles (triangle A).

From the four green fabrics, cut one 5 3/8" (13.75 cm) square. Cut each square diagonally into two half-square triangles (triangles B1, B2, B3, and B4)



Sewing Instructions for One Block

Align the triangles carefully and make sure that you maintain an exact 1/4" (0.75 cm) seam allowance. Pin if this makes you more comfortable. Be aware that triangles can be easily stretched out of their original shape along their bias edge.

Sew together B1 and B2. Sew together B3 and B4. Press the seam allowance towards the darker fabric.

Clip the little triangles at the corner end of each seam to reduce bulk.

Join the units B1-B2 and B3-B4 so they form a triangle as shown in the second picture. Press the seam allowance towards the darker fabric.

Join the B unit to the A (red) triangle. Press the seam allowance towards the A triangle.

The Slanting Triangles block is an easy block to sew and based on a 2 by 2 grid. If you are not familiar with block grids, go to <http://www.quilt-around-the-world.com/en/content/some-words-grids> to learn more.

Despite or perhaps because of its simplicity, the Slanting Triangles block has a lot of potential for possible settings in quilts. Go to <http://www.quilt-around-the-world.com/en/content/slanting-triangles-block> for some layout options which you might like to try some time.

Assembly

Centre of Quilt

Make a total of 12 blocks.

Arrange the finished blocks in 4 rows of 3 blocks each. Place the large red triangles so that they „point“ to the lower left corner. Join three blocks to a row. Make four rows.

Press the seam allowance towards the green triangles for the first and the third rows. Press the seam allowance towards the red triangles for the second and the fourth rows.

Join the rows.

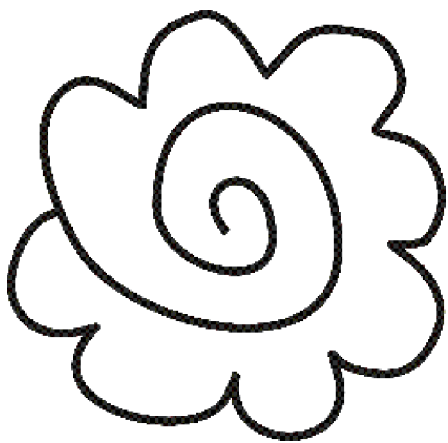
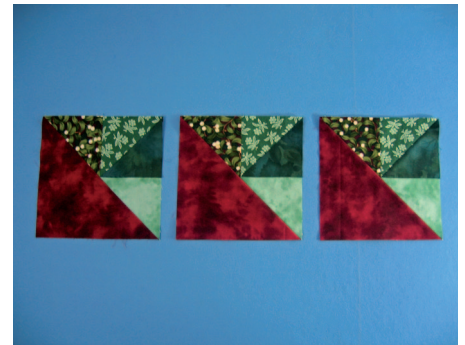
Borders

Sew narrow green border strips to the left and bottom side of the quilt centre. Sew narrow border strips to the top and right sides.

Make mitred corners.

Sew wide red border strips to the left and bottom sides of the quilt. Sew wide green border strips to the top and right sides. Make mitred corners.

For mitred corners, make sure that you start and stop exactly 1/4" (0.75cm) away from the edges of the quilt centre when you attach the borders. Leave enough overlap in the border strips (the overlap should be at least as long as the fabric strip is wide).



Quilting

Make a sandwich of the finished Slanting Triangles top, the batting and the backing fabric.

Make sure that there are no folds in the backing fabric. Pin the three layers with safety pins.

Quilt the Simple Rose motifs in different sizes. Start with a few large roses and fill in the spaces with smaller roses. Remember that in nature, every flower is different. Therefore, your machine quilted Simple Roses should also be different from each other.

Finishing

To emphasize the the diagonal layout with its high-contrast mitred borders, we attached a mitred binding which continues the diagonals to the very edges of the quilt.

We suggest that you attach a hanging sleeve and a label to the back of your quilt.

For detailed instructions on mitred bindings, please go to <http://www.quilt-around-the-world.com/en/content/mitred-binding>.

For a label design, go to <http://www.quilt-around-the-world.com/en/content/finishing-slanting-triangles-quilt>





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Materials, Tools, and Notions for the Slanting Triangles Quilt

Tools

- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Ruler (with 45° markings)
- Pins
- Matching sewing thread
- Iron and ironing board
- Sewing machine
- Thread for machine quilting

Material for the 12 blocks

Red fabric:

3/4 yd or 60 cm

Four different green fabrics each:
1/2 yd or 50cm

Material for the two borders:

Red fabric:

two strips 3½" wide: 37" (ca. 94 cm) long and 45" (ca. 115 cm) long

two strips 1½" wide: 31" (ca. 79 cm) long and 40" (ca. 100 cm) long

Green fabric (one only):

two strips 3½" wide: 37" (ca. 94 cm) long and 45" (ca. 115 cm) long

two strips 1½" wide: 31" (ca. 79 cm) long and 40" (ca. 100 cm) long

The narrow strips can be cut across the width of the fabric and need not be pieced. The wider borders have to be pieced when cut across the width of the fabric. If you want to avoid this, you need 1¾ yd (ca. 160 cm) of both the red fabric and the green fabric you have selected for the border.

Material for finishing the quilt

A piece of batting, ca 60" x 70" (ca. 150 cm x 180 cm)

A piece of backing fabric, ca. 60" x 70" (ca. 150 cm x 180 cm)

Binding strips in red and green