

PROJECT: Berry Good Pot Holder

Feature a strawberry block in a cheerful pot holder. A hanging loop makes it easy to display it in your kitchen.

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FABRICS are from the Colorworks and Toscana collections by Northcott (northcott.com).

FINISHED POT HOLDER: 8" square
FINISHED BLOCK: 6" square

MATERIALS FOR ONE POT HOLDER

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- ☐ 10" square solid red (block)
- ☐ Scrap of solid white (block)
- ☐ 8" square solid dark green (block)
- ☐ 12" square solid light green (border, loop, backing)
- ☐ 8" square insulated batting, such as Insul-Bright
- ☐ 8½" square cotton batting
- ☐ Quilt basting spray
- ☐ Chopstick or pencil

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From solid red, cut:

- ☐ 3-2¾" squares
- ☐ 1-3½" square
- ☐ 2-2" squares

From solid white, cut:

- ☐ 1-2¾" square

From solid dark green, cut:

- ☐ 2-2¾" squares
- ☐ 1-3½" square

From solid light green, cut:

- ☐ 1-8½" square
- ☐ 2-1½×8½" strips
- ☐ 2-1½×6½" strips
- ☐ 1-2×5" strip

ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1 Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each solid red 2¾" square.

2 Layer a marked solid red square atop solid white 2¾" square. Sew ¼" on each side of diagonal line (**Diagram 1**). Cut apart on drawn line to make two triangles. Press triangles open to make two white triangle-squares. Each triangle-square should measure 2" square.

3 Repeat Step 2 using solid dark green 2¾" squares to make four green triangle-squares.

4 Referring to **Diagram 2** for color placement, sew together one solid red 2" square, one white triangle-square, and two green triangle-squares in pairs. Join pairs to make Unit A. The unit should be 3½" square including seam allowances.

5 Referring to **Diagram 3** for color placement, repeat Step 4 to make Unit B.

6 Referring to **Diagram 4**, sew together solid dark green 3½" square, Unit A, Unit B, and solid red 3½" square in pairs. Join pairs to make strawberry block. The block should be 6½" square including seam allowances.

ASSEMBLE POT HOLDER

1 Referring to **Diagram 5**, sew solid light green 1½×6½" strips to opposite block edges. Join solid light green 1½×8½" strips to remaining block edges to make pot holder front. Press all seams toward light green strips. The pot holder front should be 8½" square including seam allowances.

2 With wrong side inside, fold solid light green 2×5" strip in half lengthwise (**Diagram 6**), lightly press

to mark center, and unfold. Fold long raw edges in to meet at center. Fold at center to enclose raw edges, align folded edges, and press. Edgestitch double-folded edge. Fold in half crosswise to make a loop; match raw edges and baste.

3 Referring to **Diagram 7**, pin loop raw edges to border of pot holder front dark green corner.

4 Following manufacturer's instructions, apply basting spray to one side of insulated batting square and cotton batting square.

5 Place insulated batting square, basting spray side up, on a flat surface. Center cotton batting square, basting spray side up, on insulated batting square. Layer pot holder front, right side up, on batting squares. Top pot holder front with solid light green backing square, wrong side up. Referring to **Diagram 8**, stitch outer edges through all layers, pivoting at corners and leaving a 5" opening in one edge for turning. Trim corners.

6 Turn layered unit right side out through opening. Using chopstick or the eraser end of a pencil, push out corners. Sew opening closed to complete pot holder.

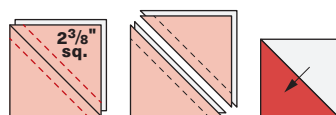
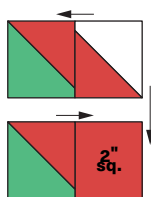
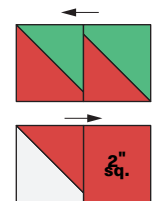


Diagram 1



Unit A
Diagram 2



Unit B
Diagram 3

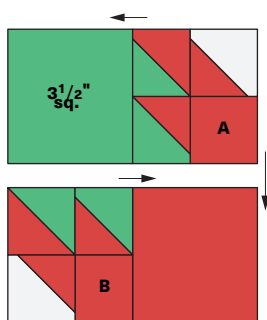


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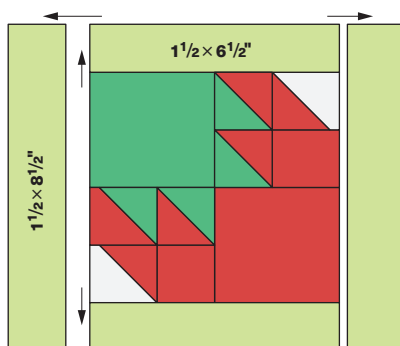


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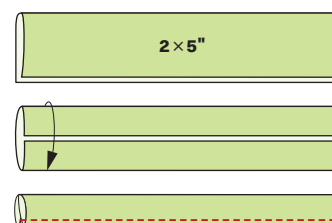


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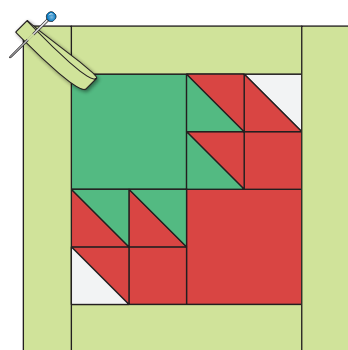


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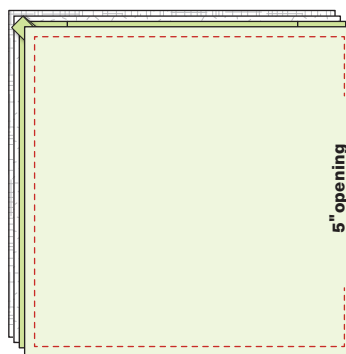


Diagram 8