

Wreathed

Welcome to Eye Candy Quilts' Merry Makers 2023 block!

We're excited to join our fellow Andover designers to create a beautiful quilt project for you. For our block, we were inspired by, you guessed it, wreaths! Whether they're wintery evergreens, full of glitter or feathers, we wanted to make that welcome holiday wreath in quilt block form. So get Wreathed this season!

As always, all seams are quarter inch and pressed open unless otherwise noted.

Cutting Instructions

PER BLOCK:

From the CENTER COLOR:

- (1) $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square
- (4) 2" squares

From the OUTER COLOR:

- (1) $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square
- (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From the BACKGROUND:

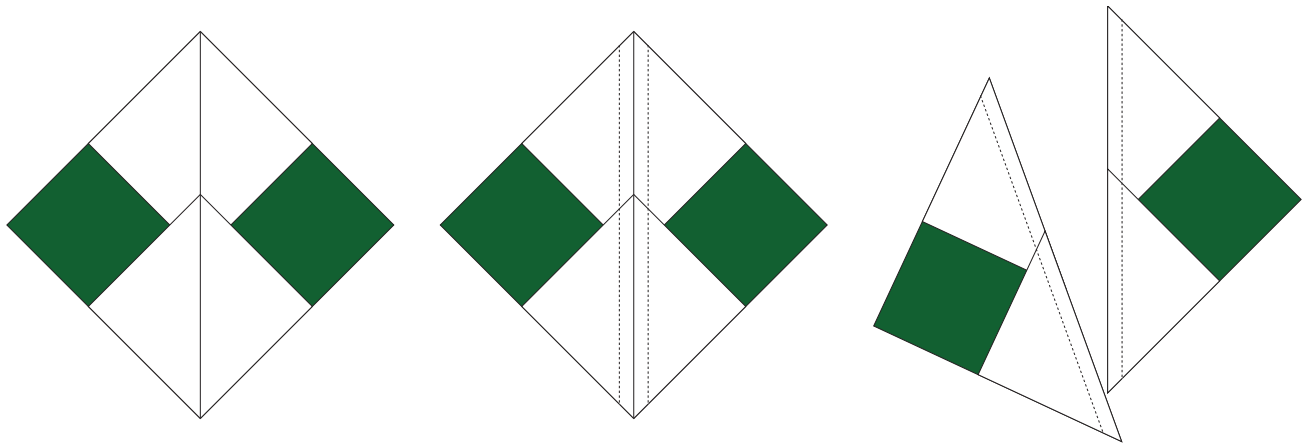
- (1) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square
- (8) $2\frac{3}{8}$ " squares
- (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- (4) 2" squares
- (4) 2" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- (4) 2" x 5" rectangles

Block Assembly

Putting your Wreathed block together is just a matter of making a couple of different units. Let's start with making some flying geese using the four at a time method.

Start by lightly drawing a line from corner to corner on (2) of the background $2\frac{3}{8}$ " squares. Take the outer color $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square and place a background square on opposite corners of your dark square. The corners should overlap in the center. Stitch a scant quarter inch on both sides of that line.

Cut down the line you drew, and press.

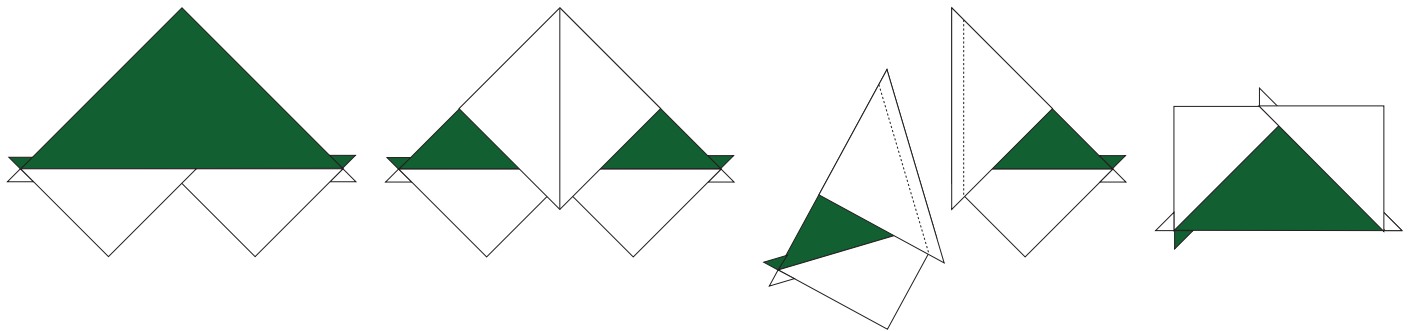


Right now, you will have two units.

For each unit, align another background $2\frac{3}{8}$ " square on your remaining corner. Again, lightly draw a diagonal line down the center of the small square. Stitch a scant quarter inch on both sides of that line.

Cut down the line you drew, and press.

Repeat with the remaining unit. Trim and square up your (4) outer/background flying geese to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" (unfinished).



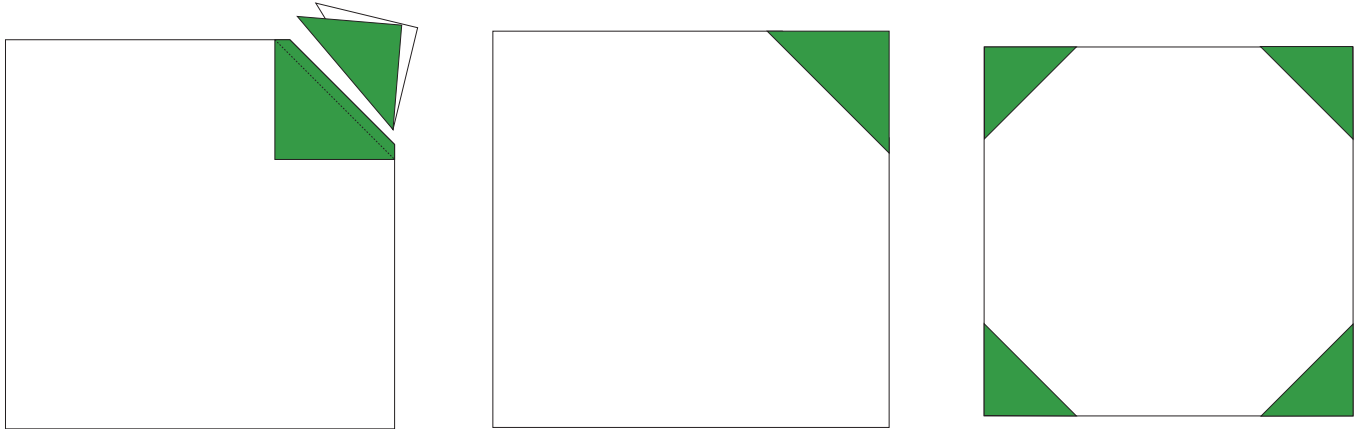
Repeat the previous steps to make flying geese with a center color $4\frac{1}{4}$ " square and (4) background $2\frac{3}{8}$ " squares. After your geese extravaganza, you will have (4) outer color flying geese and (4) center color flying geese measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" (unfinished).

On to the half square triangles. Pair an outer color $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square with a background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. With right sides together, lightly draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Stitch a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of this line. Cut along the line and press.

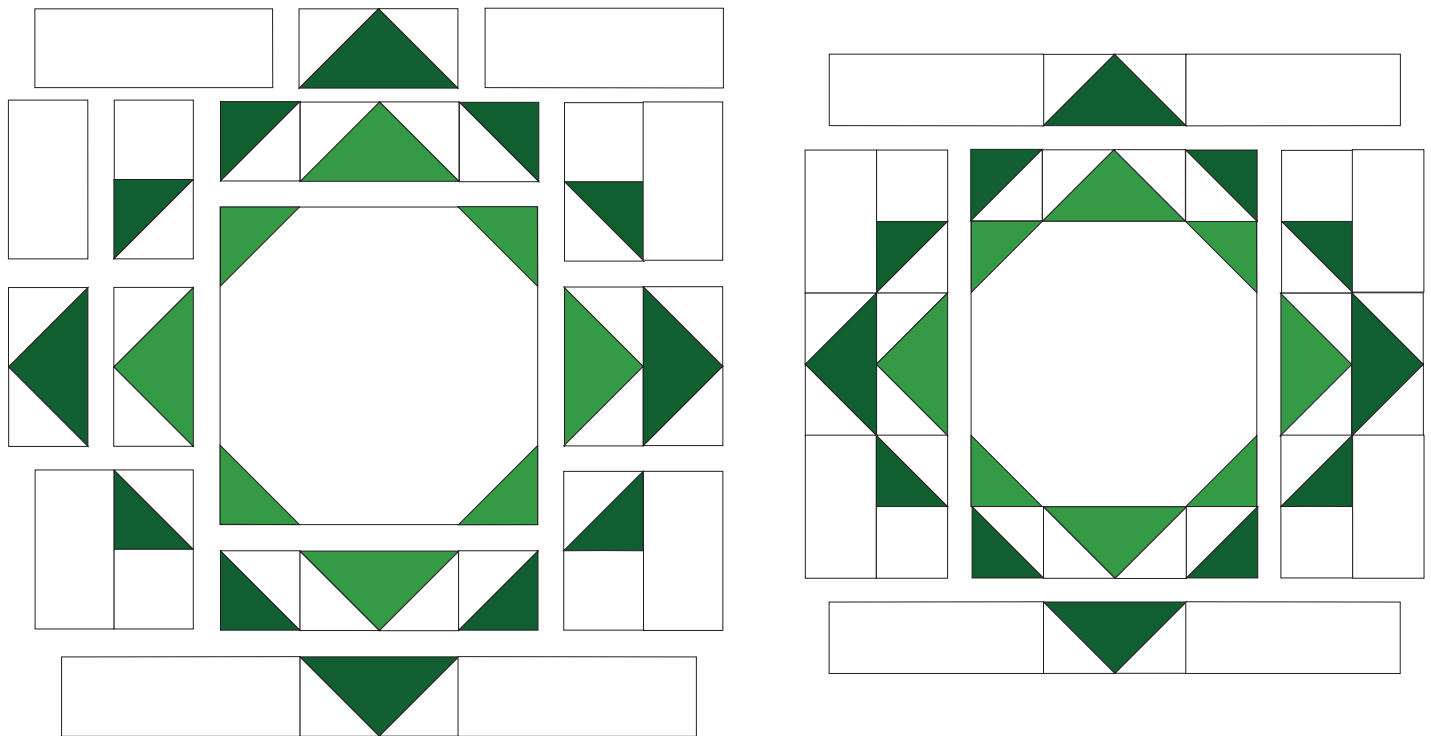


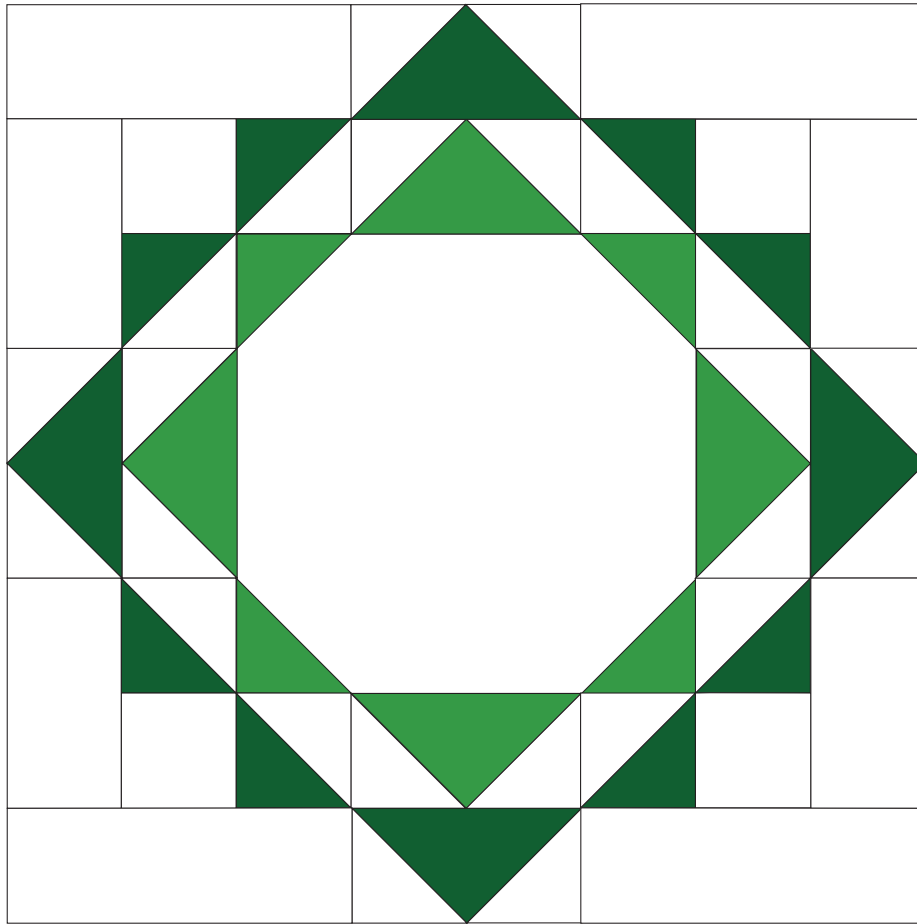
Trim and square both your half square triangles to 2" square. Repeat so that you have and a total of (8) pieced half square triangles.

On to the last part! The center of your Wreathed block is constructed using a snowball corner method. With right sides together, place a 2" center color square on one corner of the background 6½" square and stitch from corner to corner. Measure 1/4" away from your seam and cut those triangles away. Press. Repeat with the remaining corners.



Use the diagram below to assemble your Wreathed block. Think of assembly as happening in columns, with the center color flying geese and outer color half square triangles the first part added to the snowball center. Note that the color in the half square triangles points outwards, radiating away from the center.





Your block will measure 12½" unfinished; it is a 12" finished block.

Welcome to the holidays in Candyland. Let's get Wreathed and get ready to stitch your happy out!