

square triangle unit. Join the two pieced units and trim the ends of the background strips even with the upper edge of the green triangles.

7. Following Diagram 4, join each pieced basket to a coloured triangle.

8. To make each of the two pieced triangle units for the sides of the runner, following Diagram 5, arrange six small half-square triangle units and four green triangles with one $2\frac{1}{2}$ in x 11in and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ in x 13in strip of background fabric. Placement of the background strips is different for each unit.

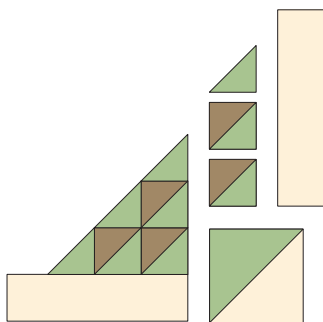


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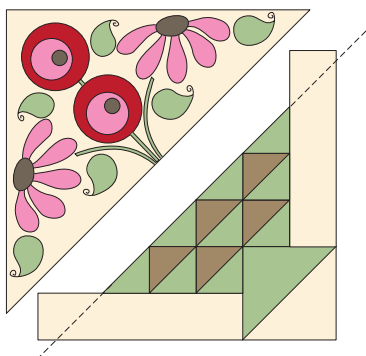


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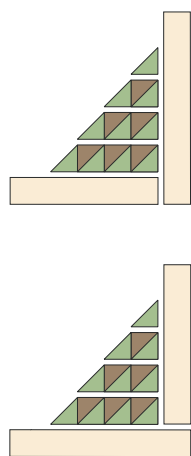


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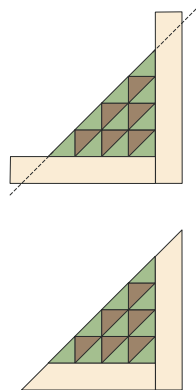


Diagram 6

9. Join the components in a similar manner to the basket units and trim the ends of the background strips even with the upper edge of the green triangles, see Diagram 6.

10. Following Diagram 7, join two burgundy triangles to each coloured basket, taking care not to stretch the bias edges. Press the seam allowances towards the burgundy triangles.

11. Trace the circle end template from the Pattern Sheet onto tracing paper and cut it out.

12. Fold each of the two 10in x $17\frac{1}{2}$ in rectangles of burgundy fabric in half, right sides together, and press lightly to mark the centre point. Pin the template in place on the fabric, aligning the straight edges of the template and fabric and the centre fold lines. Mark around the circle with a pencil or white chalk marker. Remove the template, turn the fabric over and mark the other side of the fabric.

13. Adding $\frac{1}{4}$ in seam allowances, cut around the marked lines.

14. Join one half-circle to either end of the runner.

Finish the quilt

1. Cut the length of backing fabric in half and cut two strips 10in wide from the full length of one of the pieces. Stitch one strip on either side of the full width piece and press the seam allowances open.

2. Following the instructions for Preparing the Quilt Sandwich in Basics on page 121, pin or baste the runner top, batting and backing together. Do not trim the batting or backing fabric at this stage.

3. Helen machine-quilted her runner using a walking foot on the machine. She stitched lines of cross hatching 2in apart at each end of the runner and quilted straight lines across the centre following the lines of the piecing in the baskets.

4. Join the strips of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in bias to make a length approximately 140in long. Press the seam allowances open. Fold the binding in half, wrong sides together, and press.

5. Using a walking foot on the machine and a $\frac{1}{4}$ in seam allowance, stitch the binding to the top of the runner, easing the binding around the curves. Join the ends of the binding with a bias join.

6. Trim the batting and backing fabric $\frac{1}{2}$ in from the stitching line. Turn the binding to the back of the runner and hand-stitch it in place with thread to match the binding. ©

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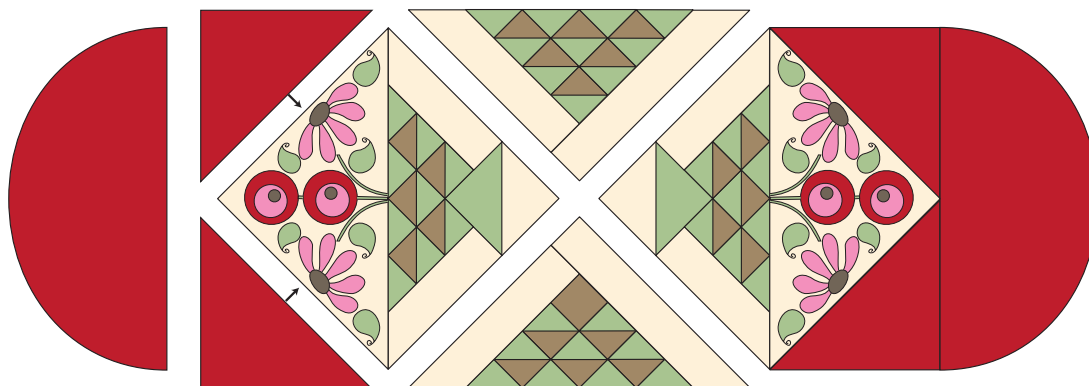


Diagram 7