

Poinsettia

Materials

Centers: 1/8 yard for 2 ½ inch yo's or five medium to large buttons

Petals: 1/3 yard assorted scraps of burgundys or reds and pinks;

cut into 9 – 3 ¼ inch circles.

Leaves: 1/8 yard assorted scraps of green fabric cut into 4 inch circles

Making the center yo yo's – see instructions with Marigold pattern in October.

Making the Petals

1. Cut 20 3 ¼ inch circles from burgundys or reds (an 8 oz. yogurt lid is perfect template)
2. Stack and cut circles in half.
3. With right sides in, fold semi-circles in half and assembly-line sew straight sides. Sew with 15 stitches per inch and ¼ inch seam allowance.
4. Turn right side out.
5. Center seam in back.

Making One-Layered Poinsettia

1. For top layer, arrange six petals in a line. Alternate color tones, or combine all lighter tones, or all darker tones.
2. Stitch along bottom edge with a double stranded hand sewing needle. Taking long stitches, assembly-line sew from one petal to the next.
3. After stitching four petals, pull tight to gather. Continue chaining petals together and pull tight, closing center.
4. Place center yo-yo or button on top to check the fit. Stitch a connecting thread and knot.
5. For bottom layer, sew eleven petals together. Leave center open.
6. Glue top layer on bottom layer.
7. Hot glue the yo-yo or the button on the center.

Making the Poinsettia Leaves

1. Cut eight 4 inch circles
2. Cut in half and sew as for petals
3. Turn with seam side on bottom
4. Turn in sides to overlap at center. Glue or hand tack.
5. Display with seam side up.

Putting the Poinsettia together.

Hot glue bottom layer of eleven petals and top layer of seven petals onto green leaves and place on a 4 inch doily. Make as many as you want for your Christmas block. Good luck with this one.