

# Marigold

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This will make a 12" block and is created with YO-YO's and hand or machine applique stems and leaves.

Making the Yo-Yos

**Step 1** Cut a 6" circle template for the marigold petals. Trace around the template on the wrong side of the fabric and cut out along the line. Cut one circle for each flower you want on your block.

**Step 2** Thread a needle and make a double knot at one end. Turning in a 1/8 to 1/4 inch seam allowance as you go, sew running stitches close to the folded edge. Your stitches should be 1/8 to 3/16 inch long.

**Step 3** When you reach your beginning point, gather the stitches tightly to close the circle. Smooth and flatten the yo-yo so that the hole is in the center. Know and cut off the gathering thread. (Hint: if the center hole of the yo-yo is too big, try making larger stitches.)

**Step 4:** Place a button or pom-pom as the center of the flower or make several smaller yo-yos for the center of the flower. Marigolds are "many small petals". Make as many flowers as you wish for your block. Each flower is to have a stem and one or two leaves (see patterns on the page 2) For the stem you may use green bias tape or a 1 1/2 inch strip of green to match the leaves.