

Wild Strawberries©



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13-1/2" x 16-1/2"

**Beautiful Stuffed Work
Prairie Points & Embroidery
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Block Size: 9" x 12"

Number of Blocks in Quilt: 1

Quilt Size: 13-1/2" x 16-1/2"

Materials You Will Need...

13" square light print background

1/4 yard medium green (border, binding)

1/8 yard red (borders, prairie points)

1/8 yard light green print

Red, green, white, and light brown scraps for appliqué

Optional: Small scrap of batting or fiberfill to lightly stuff strawberries

Green and brown embroidery thread

17" x 20" backing and thin batting

Getting Started

Step 1. Pre-wash and iron all fabrics. Press all seams as you sew. Use 1/4" seam allowances.

Step 2. Transfer template markings to sturdy template material and cut out.

Templates are NOT symmetrical, so cut your patches from the right side of the fabric.

Cut out eight red strawberries Template A, seven green strawberry tops Template B, one green strawberry Template C and one brown basket Template D. Allow for 1/8" - 1/4" turn under allowance on fabric. Cut three red and four green 2" squares for prairie points. Cut two 1" x 3" scraps of white.

Step 3. For borders cut the following: two 3/4" x 12-1/2" red strips, six 2-7/8" squares medium green and six 2-7/8" squares light green print. Also cut 3" x 13-1/2" strip of medium green and red solid (top and bottom border).

Sewing

Step 4. Finger press center of light background square along both horizontal and vertical. Center basket and baste in place. Arrange the red and green strawberries, with their tops as you desire, referring to the picture of the Block Diagram. Turn under edges as you appliqué in place, adding a tiny bit of batting or fiberfill to each strawberry to give it dimension.

Step 5. Draw tendrils of vine coming out of the strawberry basket, referring to the Block Diagram for placement. Use two strands of green embroidery thread and sew along lines with small running stitch. Stitch a brown dashed line along the basket for dimension. Fold a 1" x 3" scrap of white in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and gather along the long raw edge to form tiny white flower. Secure in place and attach one to strawberries near top of basket. Repeat for remaining white scrap and attach on top of strawberry at bottom left of basket. Use a permanent pen (Pigma brand) to write "Wild Strawberries" at the bottom of your basket. Trim the Strawberry Basket block to 9-1/2" x 12-1/2".

Step 6. Fold each 2" square into a prairie point by following Diagram 1. Press each folded prairie point and arrange two red and two green at the top left of the Strawberry Basket Block, aligning the raw edges of the prairie points with the raw edge of the

block, alternating colors (Diagram 2), taking care to keep points clear of the 1/4" seam allowance of the quilt sides. Arrange remaining prairie points at the bottom right of block. Baste in place.

Step 7. Sew the 3/4" x 12-1/2" red strips to both sides of the quilt. Press seams toward the red. Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of each of the six 2-7/8" light print squares. Place the light green print and solid green 2-7/8" squares, right sides together, and stitch 1/4" along both sides of the diagonal line. Cut apart along the lines. Press units open toward the green solid, yielding twelve 2-1/2" unfinished half-square triangle units.

Step 8. Sew six half-square triangle units to each side of the Strawberry Basket block as shown in the Quilt Assembly Diagram. Press seams.

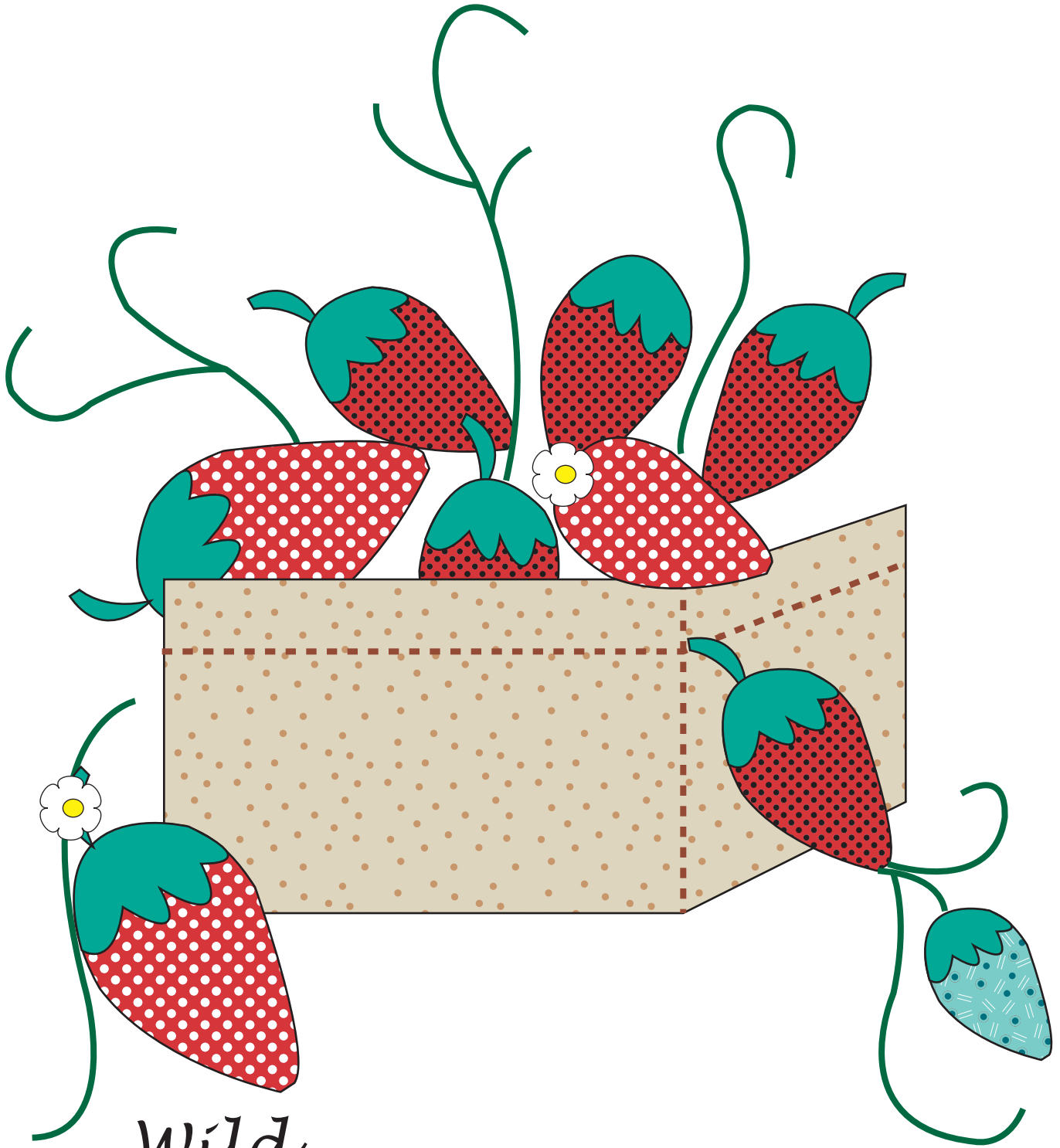
Step 9. Stitch the green 3" x 13-1/2" strip to the top of the quilt top. Stitch the red 3" x 13-1/2" strip to the bottom. Press toward borders.

Quilting

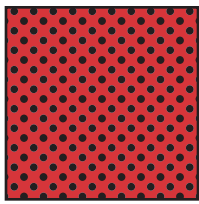
Step 10. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing. Pin the layers together and quilt securely in place.

Binding

11. Bind outside edges of quilt by cutting 2" wide cut fabric strips: one 13-1/2" red and one 2" x 42" green. Fold red strip in half lengthwise and press on fold line. Pin to front of quilt and sew raw edges of binding to raw edges quilt bottom only. Turn folded edge to back of quilt and stitch in place. Next fold green strip wrong sides together and finish binding the quilt around the remaining three sides.



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2" square

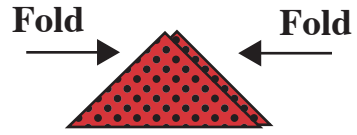
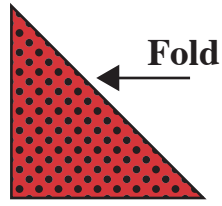
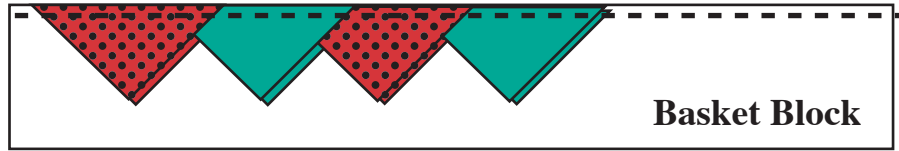


Diagram 1



Place and sew

Diagram 2



