

# Poinsettia Quilt - Step-by-Step Beginner Tutorial

## Introduction

The Poinsettia Quilt is a stunning holiday-inspired design featuring vibrant red petals, olive green leaves, and a contrasting black background. This step-by-step tutorial will guide you in making this quilt block-by-block, even if you are a beginner. The finished quilt is perfect for festive decor or as a seasonal gift.

## Materials Needed

- Quilting cotton in the following colors:
  - \* Red (petals)
  - \* Green (leaves)
  - \* Black (background)
  - \* Light green or yellow (flower center)
- Rotary cutter, mat, and quilting ruler
- Iron and ironing board
- Thread matching fabrics
- Batting and backing fabric
- Sewing machine

## Cutting Instructions (per block)

- Red: (8) 2.5" x 5" rectangles
- Green: (4) 2.5" x 3" rectangles
- Center square: (1) 2.5" x 2.5"
- Black background: (4) 2.5" x 5" rectangles, (4) 2.5" squares
- Sashing (optional): cut strips at 2.5" width
- Border: 4.5" strips to frame the quilt

## Block Assembly Steps

1. Start by sewing the red petal rectangles into a 'V' shape using diagonal seams.

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2. Attach green leaf pieces to the ends of 4 red petal units.
3. Arrange 4 petals around the 2.5" center square.
4. Fill in corner gaps with black 2.5" squares.
5. Sew petals and background together in a 9-patch layout: petal, center, petal.
6. Press seams open for a flat finish and trim block to 12.5" x 12.5".

## **Quilt Top Assembly**

1. Make 3035 poinsettia blocks, depending on quilt size.
2. Arrange them in rows (5 x 6 or 6 x 6 for larger size).
3. Optionally, use black sashing strips (2.5") between blocks.
4. Sew rows together and add a final border using 4.5" strips.
5. Press all seams neatly.

## **Quilting and Finishing**

1. Make a quilt sandwich: backing, batting, quilt top.
2. Baste using pins or spray.
3. Quilt as desired: outline the petals or do straight-line quilting across blocks.
4. Trim edges and bind the quilt using 2.5" folded strips.
5. Stitch the binding to the front, fold to the back, and sew down.

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