# Block of the Month - December 2017 "Have $\wedge$ Jolly Little Christmas" by Sew Fresh 

With permission from Lorna of Sew Fresh Quilts, we will be providing instructions for 2 blocks from Sew Fresh's "Have A Jolly Little Christmas" quilt along. The rest of her blocks and instructions can be found at sewfreshquilts.blogspot.ca

## Poinsettia

Finished size of block is $12 " \times 12 "$. Read through entire instructions before beginning. Press all seams as you go.
STOP method: Stitch, Trim, Open \& Press. To perform the STOP method, align a square (A) or rectangle (C) on the corner of the unit (B) with right sides facing together. Draw a diagonal line and sew along this diagonal line. Trim a $1 / 4$ " seam. Finger press the seam open and then press with a hot iron. Pressing the seams open to reduce bulk is recommended.

## Fabric Required for Single Block

White 1/4 yard
Dark Green 1/8 yard

Dark Red 1/8 yard
Medium Green $1 / 8$ yard

Light Red 1/8 yard
Light Green 1/8 yard

## Cutting Instructions for Single Block

| Fabric | Label | Cutting | Fabric | Label | Cutting |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White | A | $16-2 "$ squares | Dark Red | B | $4-2 " \times 5 "$ |
|  | F | $1-2 " \times 15 "$ | Light Red | B | $4-2 " \times 5 "$ |
|  | G | $1-3.5 " \times 9 "$ |  |  |  |
| Dark Green | D | $1-3.5 "$ square | Medium Green | C | $1-2 " \times 9 "$ |
| Light Green | E | $1-3.5 " \times 15 "$ |  |  |  |

Step 1: Use the STOP method to add the White (A) squares to the Dark Red and Light Red rectangles. Sew the two units together. Make 4.


Step 2: Sew the Light Green (E) to the White (F) strip. Crosscut strip set into (4) at 3.5 " wide. Sew the Medium Green (C) to the White (G) strip. Crosscut strip set into (4) at 2" wide. Arrange the units and sew together as shown.


Step 3: Along with the Dark Green (D) square, arrange and sew the units together to make rows. Sew the rows together to complete the block. Block should measure 12.5 " square.


## Holly \& Berries

Finished size of block is $12 " \times 12 "$. Read through entire instructions before beginning. Press all seams as you go.
STOP method: Stitch, Trim, Open \& Press. To perform the STOP method, align a square (A) or rectangle (C) on the corner of the unit (B) with right sides facing together. Draw a diagonal line and sew along this diagonal line. Trim a $1 / 4$ " seam. Finger press the seam open and then press with a hot iron. Pressing the seams open to reduce bulk is recommended.

## Fabric Required for Single Block

White $1 / 4$ yard
Red 1/8 yard
Green $1 / 8$ yard
Cutting Instructions for Single Block

| Fabric | Label | Cutting | Fabric | Label | Cutting |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Green | A | $1-1.5 " \times 5 "$ | Red | D | $1-2.5 "$ square |
|  | B | $1-2.5 " \times 8 "$ |  | E | $2-3 "$ squares |
|  | C | $1-3 " \times 10 "$ |  |  |  |
| White | F | $1-5 "$ square | White | M | $1-1 " \times 6 "$ |
|  | G | $1-1.5 " \times 8 "$ |  | N | $1-1.5 " \times 3 "$ |
|  | H | $1-3 " \times 8 "$ |  | P | $2-2 " \times 3 "$ |
|  | J | $1-3.5 " \times 10 "$ |  | Q | $2-1.5 " \times 6 "$ |
|  | K | $12-1 "$ squares |  | R | $1-1.5 " \times 12.5 "$ |

L $1-1$ " $\times 2.5$ "

Step 1: Sew a Green (A) to a White (F). Press then crosscut each completed unit into (3) 1.5 " wide strips. Sew a Green (B) between a White (G) and a White (H). Press then crosscut each completed unit into (3) 2.5 " wide strips. Sew a Green (C) to a White (J). Press then crosscut each completed unit into (3) 3" wide strips.


Step 2: Arrange these strips and sew together. Make (3) units.


Step 3: Use the STOP method to add the White (K) squares on the corners of the Red (D) and (E) squares.


Step 4: Arrange the (D) and (E) units as shown. Sew the White (L) onto the Red (D). Sew the White (N) onto the Red (E) and the other Red (E) between (2) White (P). Press the seams. Sew the White (M) to the (PEP) unit. Sew the (DL) unit to the (EN) unit and then sew this to the other side of the White (M).


Step 5: Arrange the units as shown. Sew the units onto the White ( Q ) then sew them onto the White (R). Sew the rows together to complete the block. Block should measure 12.5 " square.


