

# FaLaLa Sew Along- Block 1

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This is a really simple block design, but it's one of my favorites! It's a "Shoo Fly" block- but by using 4 colors instead of the traditional 2 or 3 colors, it looks much more complicated than it is.

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. These will be His royal titles: "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace." His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. *Isaiah 9:6-7*

It's not how much we give but how much we put into giving. *Mother Teresa*

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. *Roy L. Smith*

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. *Calvin Coolidge*



Completed block size = 12 1/2" (including seam allowance)

Seam allowance is 1/4"

You will need:

White

- 6" square for embroidery OR (1) 4 1/2" square if NOT doing embroidery

Red

- (4) 4 1/2" squares

Light Green

- (2) 5 1/8" squares

Dark Green

- (2) 5 1/8" squares

For embroidery- Embroider the design onto the 6" White square. **Trim completed square to 4 1/2"**, centering the design.

Place a 5 1/8" Light Green square right sides together with a 5 1/8" Dark Green square. Repeat with remaining Light and Dark Green squares.

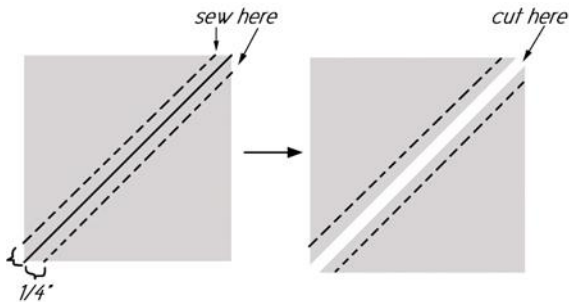
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Use a ruler and a pencil to draw a line diagonally from corner to corner, on the WRONG side of the fabric of each “square pair”. Then draw a line 1/4” on either side of this line. I like to use a see-through ruler for this step. (You can also just draw the line down the center, and use your 1/4” foot to sew 1/4” away from that center line... but I like the accuracy I get by drawing in all of the lines.)

Pin the pairs together, and sew on those “side” lines (not the center line), then cut on the center line:



Press the seam allowances toward the Dark Green. Now, you have 4 squares (HST's, or Half Square Triangle units), which look like this:



**Trim HSTs to 4 1/2”.** See HST tutorial here [tinyurl.com/hst-easy-tutorial](http://tinyurl.com/hst-easy-tutorial)

Sew the squares into rows as shown; press seam allowances as directed by arrows:



Sew rows together into a block as shown; press seam allowances away from center square:

