CORNER GARDEN

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I have leaves like this in my Bird Talk quilt, made with HST and adding stitch and flip corners to make the leaf shapes. I like how a simple flower balances out the leaves and makes for a fun grouping. These could be pretty as corner elements in the four corners of a bigger quilt.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

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<td><strong>C</strong></td>
<td>(8) 1” x 1 1/2” rectangles.</td>
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<td>(4) 3/4” x 2” rectangles.</td>
<td>(4) 7/8” x 2 3/4” rectangles.</td>
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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Begin block assembly by making HST units. Sew the longest edges of (1) A and B triangle together as shown to make a small HST unit. Press toward the B triangle.

2. Repeat to make (8) small A/B HST units. Use the following guide to trim HST units for each block size:
   a. 4” Block: 1” x 1” unfinished (½” x ½” finished)
   b. 6” Block: 1¼” x 1¼” unfinished (¾” x ¾” finished)
   c. 8” Block: 1½” x 1½” unfinished (1” x 1” finished)
   d. 12” Block: 2” x 2” unfinished (1½” x 1½” finished)

3. Repeat HST unit assembly pairing (4) E and F triangles together to make (4) large HST units. Use the following guide to trim HST units for each block size:
   a. 4” Block: 2” x 2” unfinished (1½” x 1½” finished)
   b. 6” Block: 2¾” x 2¾” unfinished (2¼” x 2¼” finished)
   c. 8” Block: 3½” x 3½” unfinished (3” x 3” finished)
   d. 12” Block: 5” x 5” unfinished (4½” x 4½” finished)

4. Make (2) flower quadrants for the block using (4) small A/B HST units, (4) C rectangles and (1) D square as shown. Arrows indicate pressing instructions.

5. Use the following guide to trim flower quadrants for each block size:
   a. 4” Block: 2½” x 2½” unfinished (2” x 2” finished)
   b. 6” Block: 3½” x 3½” unfinished (3” x 3” finished)
   c. 8” Block: 4½” x 4½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
   d. 12” Block: 6½” x 6½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)

6. Place (1) G square with a drawn diagonal line onto opposite corners of the large HST unit as shown. Use stitch and flip techniques to complete the leaf unit as shown in the diagram.

7. Repeat to make (2) identical leaf units. Refer to large HST unit measurements for unit sizing.
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

8. Sew (1) H rectangle onto either side of the leaf unit as shown. Sew (1) I rectangle onto the top/bottom of the leaf unit as shown. Press all seams outward to complete the leaf quadrant.

9. Use the following guide to trim leaf quadrants for each block size:
   a. 4” Block: 2 ½” x 2 ½” unfinished (2” x 2” finished)
   b. 6” Block: 3 ½” x 3 ½” unfinished (3” x 3” finished)
   c. 8” Block: 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
   d. 12” Block: 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)

10. Complete the block using (2) flower quadrants and (2) leaf quadrants as shown. Press seams toward the flower quadrants to complete.

11. Trim block using the guide listed below:
   a. 4 ½” x 4 ½” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
   b. 6 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
   c. 8 ½” x 8 ½” unfinished (8” x 8” finished)
   d. 12 ½” x 12 ½” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

DESIGNER INFO

Tips: If you'd like to make your HST corners of the flowers with a 2-at-a-time method, use the following sizes to start (with small HST, starch fabrics first before cutting):

12” Block: 2 ½” squares that you sew, cut and trim to 2” unfinished.
8” Block: 2” squares that you sew, cut and trim to 1½” unfinished.
6” Block: 1 ¾” squares that you sew, cut and trim to 1¼” unfinished.
4” Block: 1 ½” squares that you sew, cut and trim to 1” unfinished.