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## **Crocus**

Use a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on all seams.



Green center: 2-1/2" square

Crocus (your choice of color): (4) 3" squares  
(4) 3-1/2" squares

Gold/Yellow Crocus stamens: (4) 1-1/2" squares

Cream background: (4) 3-1/2" squares  
(4) 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles  
(4) 2" x 3" rectangles  
(4) 1-1/2" x 2" rectangles

1-Half-square triangles: Stack a 3-1/2" cream background square on a 3-1/2" crocus square, right sides together. On the back of the top square, mark a diagonal line and stitch a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " above and below the marked diagonal. Cut apart on the marked line and press seam towards the crocus fabric. Trim unit to measure 3". Repeat to make a total of 8 half-square triangles.

2-Stamen units: Sew a gold 1-1/2" square to a 1-1/2" x 2" cream rectangle. Press seam. Sew a 2" x 3" rectangle to the bottom of this unit (see block diagram for orientation). Press seam.

3- Crocus units: I like to lay my pieces out before I sew them. Using the block diagram as a guide for orientation, (block row 1) sew a crocus 3" square to a half-square triangle. Press seam. (Block row 2) Sew a half-square triangle to a stamen unit (make sure the yellow stamen is positioned in the "center" of the flower). Press seam in opposite direction. These units should measure 5-1/2" square.

4-Assemble block rows : Rows 1 and 3- Crocus unit + cream 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangle + crocus unit. Press seams toward cream rectangle. Row 2- Cream 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangle + green 2-1/2" square + cream 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangle. Press seam away from green square.

5- Sew rows together and press seams. Your block is complete and should measure 12-1/2" square.