

A Taste for Giving

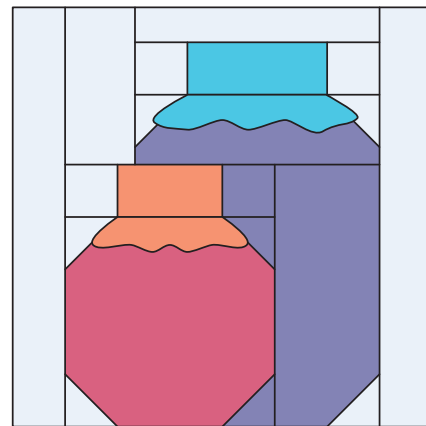
Finished Block Size: 6 x 6"

Unfinished Block Size: 6½ x 6½"

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From my childhood, I remember many a summer morning berry-picking excursion that turned into jam and jelly production by midday.

With the giving season nearly upon us, what better gesture could there be than a homemade treat from summer's bounty preserved with care for fall and winter nourishment? Add a handmade quilt, table topper, or runner made with a few sampler blocks to complete a gift from the kitchen, fingertips, and heart.



Fabric Requirements

Directional fabrics are not recommended.

Background fabric A: 7 x 7"

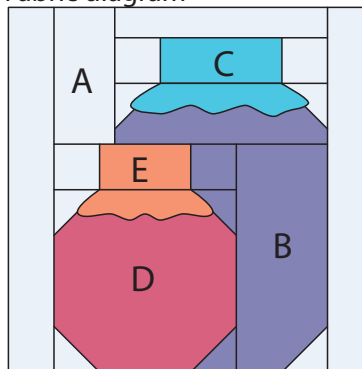
Large jar fabric B: 4 x 6"

Large jar lid fabric C: 3 x 5"

Small jar fabric D: 4 x 4"

Small jar lid fabric E: 3 x 5"

Fabric diagram

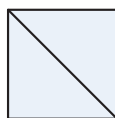


Cutting

From fabric A (background) cut:

- 2 rectangles 1¼ x 6½" (Block side borders)
- 1 rectangle 1½ x 2¾" (Unit 1)
- 1 rectangle 1 x 4" (Unit 1)
- 8 squares 1¼ x 1¼" (Unit 1 and 2)

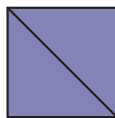
On the back of five 1¼" squares, draw a diagonal line corner to corner. (Two each of the marked and unmarked squares are used for Unit 1, and three marked and one unmarked squares are used for Unit 2)



From fabric B (large jar) cut:

- 1 rectangle 2 x 4¼" (Unit 2)
- 1 rectangle 1½ x 4" (Unit 1)
- 3 squares 1¼ x 1¼" (Unit 2)

On the back of two 1¼" squares, draw a diagonal line corner to corner.



From fabric C (large jar lid) cut:

- 1 rectangle 1¼ x 2½" (Unit 1)
- 1 rectangle 1¼ x 4" (ruffle, optional) (Unit 1)

From fabric D (small jar) cut:

- square 3½ x 3½" (unit 2)

From fabric E (small jar lid) cut:

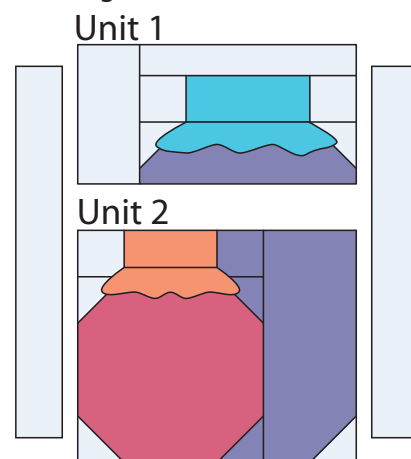
- 1 rectangle 1¼ x 2" (Unit 2)
- 1 rectangle 1¼ x 4" (ruffle, optional) (Unit 2)

Block Construction

The block is constructed in two units, identified by number. Make the two sections first, then sew the sections to each other and add the side borders to complete the block. A scant ¼" seam is recommended.

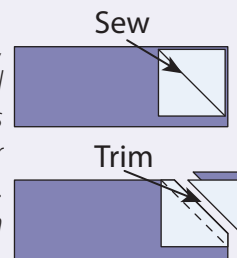
Refer to the diagram on the right and the unit labels in the cutting instructions. Make a mini 'kit' for each unit before you begin sewing.

Unit diagram



Jar Corners Tip

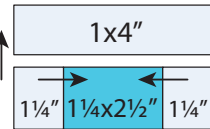
To make all the triangular jar corners, place a 1¼" square, with a diagonal line drawn on the back, right sides together on the corner of the larger 'jar' fabric, with raw edges aligned. Sew on the line. Trim ¼" away from the seam. Press toward the corner.



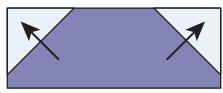
Unit 1

Sew an unmarked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background square to both sides of the $1\frac{1}{4}\times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " large jar lid rectangle. Press the seams toward the large jar lid rectangle.

Sew the 1×4 " background strip to the top of the lid unit to complete the lid assembly.



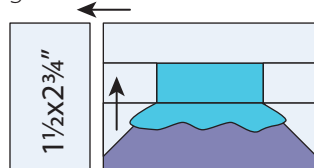
Sew a marked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background square to the two upper corners of the $1\frac{1}{2}\times 4$ " large jar rectangle as described in the



Jar Corners Tip on page 1 to complete the jar assembly.

Before sewing the lid assembly to the jar assembly, follow the instructions in the Lid Ruffles Tip on this page to attach an optional ruffle made from the $1\frac{1}{8}\times 4$ " large jar lid strip.

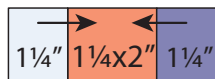
Sew the lid assembly to the ruffled jar assembly and carefully press the seam toward the lid assembly. Sew the $1\frac{1}{2}\times 2\frac{3}{4}$ " background rectangle to the left side of the jar/lid assembly. Press the seam toward the background rectangle to complete Unit 1.



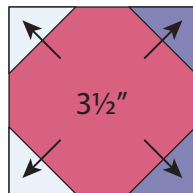
Unit 1 measures $2\frac{3}{4}\times 5$ ".

Unit 2

Sew an unmarked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background square to the left side of the $1\frac{1}{4}\times 2$ " small jar lid rectangle and an unmarked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " large jar square to the right side of the $1\frac{1}{4}\times 2$ " small jar lid rectangle. Press the seams toward the small jar lid rectangle. Set aside.

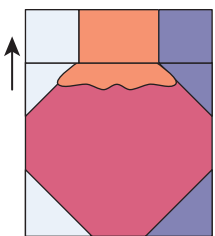


Sew a marked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background square to the upper and lower left corners of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " small jar square and a marked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " large jar square to the upper and lower right corners of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " small jar square as described in the Jar Corners Tip on page 1 to complete the small jar assembly.



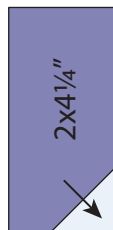
Before sewing the lid assembly to the small jar assembly, follow the instructions

in the Lid Ruffles Tip on this page to attach an optional ruffle made from the $1\frac{1}{8}\times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " small jar lid strip.



Sew the lid assembly to the ruffled small jar assembly and carefully press the seam toward the lid assembly to complete the lidded small jar assembly. Set aside.

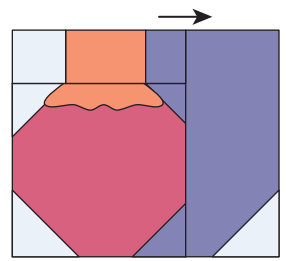
Sew a marked $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background square to the lower right corner of the $2\times 4\frac{1}{4}$ " large jar rectangle as shown and as described in the Jar Corners Tip on page 1 to complete the large jar assembly.



Unit 2 (continued from column 1)

Sew the large jar assembly to the right side of the lidded small jar assembly. Press the seam toward the large jar assembly to complete Unit 2.

Unit 2 measures $4\frac{1}{4}\times 5$ ".

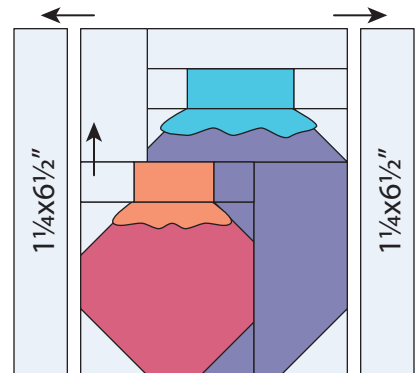


Complete the Block

Sew Unit 1 to the top of Unit 2, press the seam toward Unit 1.

Sew a $1\frac{1}{4}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " background strip to each side of the jar assembly. Press the seams toward the background fabric.

The block measures $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Lid Ruffles Tip

You can add an optional ruffle to each of the jar lids! Use the strip that matches the pieced lid. Baste or pin the ruffle onto the jar lid after the side pieces have been sewn to the lid, but before the lid has been sewn to the top of the jar.

To make the ruffle, use the strip cut from the matching jar lid fabric. Fold each end under about $\frac{1}{4}$ ", press to crease. With pinking shears, pink one long side of the ruffle strip. Knot a 12" length of quilting thread at one end. Hand sew a running stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the un-pinked raw edge of the lid fabric strip. Place the ruffle on a ruler, and pull the thread to adjust the ruffle fullness. Double backstitch and tie off when the ruffle matches the finished width of the jar lid. Before sewing the jar lid unit to the jar, place the ruffle on the jar assembly and adjust the ruffle ends so they flare out to cover the tapered jar sides. Pin liberally or baste to secure the ruffle, then sew the jar lid assembly to the jar assembly with the ruffle in between.

For step-by-step details and full color photographs to walk through the construction of the jar lid ruffles, go to <http://hummingbird-highway.com/splendidruffle/>