


Double X-3 Garden Block

This makes an 12 ½" unfinished block.

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
April, 2018

Veg/Fruit/Floral prints, light and green prints.

Block seams are accurate ¼".
Inspired by quilterscache.com
Directions by Anita Konzak Turley.

	**Color 1** – Vegetable, Fruit, or Floral Prints One – 2 ½" x 10" strip
	**Color 2** – Green Print One – 3" x 18" strip
	**Color 3 (Background)** – Light Print One – 5" x 30" strip One – 3" x 18" strip

I was looking for a block this month and came across this finished version (Inspiration) shown below. It reminded me of a garden plot. It is almost Spring, so I thought this would be a cute block converted into a garden plot with fruit, flowers, vegetables, and the greenery separating the 'plots' or center spaces. If you don't have a garden, fruit tree, or flower bed, here is the chance to make one! Have fun!

1) From the vegetable/fruit/floral print cut into four (4) 2 ½" square blocks (figure 2).

2) From the green print cut into six (6) 3" square blocks (figure 3). Refer to step 5 for further instructions.

3) From the light print mark and cut the 5" x 30" strip into twenty (20) 2 ½" square blocks (figure 4).

4) From the light print cut the 3" x 18" strip into six (6) 3" square blocks (bottom of figure 4). Refer to step 5 for further instruction.

5) To make the half square triangles (HST) there are two options – first option cut each of the 3" blocks from step 2 and step 4 in half diagonally and then sew them as opposites shown in figure 5. The second option is to not cut them in half but mark the light diagonally down the center, match with a light print with a green print and then sew ¼" seam down either side of the diagonal; cut at the diagonal when finished. Using either option a total of twelve (12) HSTs will be created (figure 5). Press to the dark.

6) Using all blocks sew rows as shown in figure 6 using ¼" seam. Press seams in alternating directions, by row, to nest each row. Press all rows to one direction. I find using a bit of starch before the final top press helps to lay all blocks. As needed, trim to 12 ½".

Inspiration	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4	Figure 5	Figure 6
					