

TRAVEL EUROPE Block of the Month:

Luxembourg

Fabrics:

§ = green (1/4 yard)

◇ = red floral (scrap)

Y = white (1/8 yard)

Cut out the paper pattern for each section outside of the dashed seam allowance line.

Beginning with section A, cut a piece of your desired fabric at least 1/4 inch larger all around than than shape #1, and pin it right side up to the back of the paper pattern, being sure to entirely overlap shape #1. Cut a piece of your next fabric to generously cover shape #2 and place it right side down over shape #1 so that when sewn, the fabric will cover shape #2. Turn the pattern over and sew on the line between #1 and #2. Press the fabrics open to expose the right side of both fabrics. (It is helpful to first place the edge of a stiff card, such as a postcard, on the line you wish to sew and fold back the paper foundation, then trim the fabric below 1/4 inch away from the fold creating an accurate seam allowance on which to place your next piece of fabric.) Generously cut and place the fabric for shape #3 right side down over pieces #1 and #2 on the back side of the pattern. Turn over the pattern and sew on the line between #1/2 and #3. Continue in this fashion until all shapes have been covered. Trim section A on the 1/4 inch seam allowance indicated by the dashed line.

Sew sections B through F in the same manner. Sew A and B sections together lining up the trimmed edges, matching corners and sewing a scant 1/4 inch from the edge. Sew C and D together and then E and F together. Sew all three crosses together, side by side.

To finish the block, cut two strips of green fabric 1" wide by 6 1/2" long and sew one to each short end of the cross block.

If desired, you may trace the country name with a fine line permanent marker by placing your completed block and the traceable pattern on a lightbox or bright window.

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