How to create a crumb block.



1. First set yourself up.
I use a small table to
the right of my
machine which has all
I need so the process
goes very smoothly. (I
can't be doing with
getting up and down!!)



2. Choose your first two pieces of fabric.
Making sure two of the edges are similar in length.



3. Stitch ¼" seam (I use the special foot with the guide on it – easy then!!)



4. Open out – always flip the last piece added up and away from you – this will ensure all your seams lie the same way, giving you nice flat seams at the end.



5. Now you need to trim up your next edge, you don't want awkward angles, you have to stitch only in straight lines to ensure the block will lay flat and not pucker up.



6. Now I have trimmed it's time to select another piece to fit along this edge.



7. Next piece has been added.



8. In this picture you can see I have opened it up and now I am trimming making it Straight.



9. I have turned it around now and here I have trimmed off ready for the next piece.



10. On this side, I have to be careful, I like the fish so if I cut it like this I would cut his nose off!!



11. So I chose to lose some of the pink and purple (You can use this again in your next block)



12. I have flipped over to the next side, straightening if off again ready for the next piece.



13. Here's the next piece stitched in place.



14. Now I am straightening off ready for the final edge pieces.



15. This is the one of the last outer pieces that's been added – make it larger as it will form the outer edge and it will look better and be easier to sew later without too many joints in this outer edge.

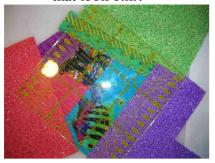


16. Now I have added two more larger pieces, they are way to big but it gives you choices....



17. Now this is the fun part. Twist your

square around....does that look o.k.?



18. Or this way??



19. Right – now I like the look of that!!



20. All trimmed.



21. Check out the back, see how all the seams

are lying lovely and flat.



22. Tah Dah – All done!!
There you have just made your first crumb block in less than 10 mins!!

Now let's get on with some more. I hope this is of use to you.

Have fun!!