Carolina Favorite



Empire Quilters Guild

Unfinished block size: 12.5" Square

1/4" seams

Block of the Month October 2019

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COLORS:

Background: White, Off White,

Cream

Flower:

A light and a dark of Red, Purple or Blue. We used a light solid and a dark patterned.



PREPARE TEMPLATES:

There are 3 templates for this block. A, B & C. The seam allowance is on the template so you may prefer to cut the template on the seam allowance (the dotted line) to better trace the appliqué shape but don't forget to add the seam allowance before you cut your fabric.

Alternately you can make 2 of each template, one on the seam and one on the edge and trace both the pattern edge and the cut line.

NOTE: the C template is nestled inside the B template. Print ACTUAL SIZE.

CUT:

Background: Four 6 ¾" Squares

Flower: Cut 2 of each template A & B in each of the 2 fabrics. Cut 2 of template C in each color then turn the template over and cut 2 of each color in reverse.

This is an appliqué block, needleturn method. Trace the templates on your fabric using either a silver gel pen or a pencil. Cut around the shape you just traced adding a scant 1/4" or less around it for turning. If you are using 2 templates of each trace the cutting line first and then the fold line.

We'll start with piece B: Before you sew it fold the upper curve (the part that will be needleturned) on the seam all around it. Place piece B in the corner of the background fabric. The sides of the fabric that will be in the seams when the 4 blocks are sewn together can be sew straight down from the bottom and stopping a scant ¼" before the top. Needleturn appliqué the rest. When you finish appliquéing B onto the background turn the block over and cut out the background leaving at least a ¼" seam allowance to relieve the bulk.

Follow the pattern above for the placement of each of the rest of the pieces. B has to be done first but it's up to you if you want to add the A or C pieces next. Be sure to alternate the dark and light.

This year we're going to do a Flower Theme and each block will be 12.5" unfinished. If you make 2 of each BOM you will have enough for a quilt of your own at the end of the season!

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