



LLQG MAY 2023 BOM – Tulip Time

*“Will spring showers bring May flowers”
We hope so...*

*8 ½” X 12 ½”
unfinished.*

A fairly quick and easy block. I used fat quarters. You will need a light and a medium dark or dark color for the flower.

A different color for your stem and leaves. A background color. This pattern uses a template for one section of the leaf area.

Directions are for one block. Seams are ¼ inch.

Cut 1 square from your light colored flower fabric at 2 5/8 inches.

Cut 2 squares from your darker flower fabric at 3 7/8 inches, cut diagonally once.

Cut 2 squares from your stem and leaf fabric at 2 7/8 inches, cut diagonally once.

Cut 1 strip from your stem and leaf fabric at 1 X 6 ½ inches.

Cut 2 rectangles from your stem and leaf fabric at 2 ½ X 4 ½ inches.

From your background fabric;

Cut 2 strips at 1 ½ X 6 ½ inches.

Cut 1 square at 3 7/8 inches, cut diagonally once.

Cut 3 squares at 2 7/8 inches, cut diagonally once.

Cut 4 rectangles at 2 ½ X 4 ½ inches.

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- 1) Put your light flower fabric square on point in front of you. Take one of the triangles cut from the background fabric from the 2 7/8 inch squares place it next to the top left side of the flower square, long edge up! Place right sides together and line up from the bottom, it will stick past the top of the square, which is fine. Sew your seam on the top left side of the square. Press seam open. Now take another one of the same size background triangles and place it next to the top right side of the light fabric square long edge up, fold it over the square placing right sides together and lining up starting at the bottom of that top right side of the light flower fabric. Sew the seam, press open. Now to trim the excess fabric off the top. Take at least a 6 ½ inch ruler and place it across the top of the light color fabric square. The top point of that square should be at 3 ¼ inches from either side and so should the bottom point below it. Now push the ruler up ¼ inch, so that you will have ¼ inch seam allowance above that point which is in the middle of the long edge of the new triangle block you just created in background and light flower color. Trim off anything above that ¼” seam allowance.
 - 2) Next take one of the dark flower fabric triangles created from the 3 7/8 inch squares, fold it in half from the middle of the long edge to the point where the two sides meet and finger press. Open it back up, placing the dark colored triangle right sides down and lining the crease along the seam between the two colors of the bottom triangle on the left side. The back point of the dark triangle should meet the top point of the 2 colored triangle center square and cover the left half of the 2 color triangle. Sew the long edge of the dark colored triangle to the left half of the 2 colored triangle. You are working with the bigger 2 color triangle as if it is only 3 ½ inches long instead of 6 ½”s. Press the seam open. Do the same thing with another dark

flower fabric triangle of the same size to the right side of the 2 colored triangle. Press seam open, This section should be now be 3 ½ inches wide and 6 ½ inches long. Trim if needed.

- 3) Next take the remaining 2 dark flower fabric triangles and sew them to the 2 background fabric triangles made from the 3 7/8 inch square. Press open, trim to 3 ½" squares. Then sew them together dark fabric to dark fabric and background fabric facing down and out. This should now measure 3 ½ inches by 6 ½ inches. This can now be sewn to the bottom of the top part of the flower. The whole flower when sewn will measure 6 ½ inches by 6 ½ inches. Trim if needed. Lastly sew the 2 background fabric 1 ½" wide strips down either side of the flower block making it 8 ½ inches wide X 6 ½ inches.

Now we will work on the bottom part, leaf and stem, of the block.

- 4) Take your 4 leaf and stem colored triangles and match them up with the 4 remaining background triangles and make 4 half-square triangle blocks, two with leaf and stem color facing to the right and two with leaf and stem color facing to the left. Press seams open and trim to 2 ½" squares. Take two of the blocks, one facing in each direction and sew them both to the top of one of the 2 ½" X 4 ½" background rectangles. Press seam open. The resulting strips should be 2 ½" X 6 ½".
- 5) Next take the two stem and leaf 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles, line them up, if printed fabric make them wrong sides together, place the triangle template (it takes more than half the rectangle), down the long edge of the rectangles and cut out the triangle, discard the smaller side. We won't use it. Do the same with the remaining 2 background fabric 2 ½" X 4 ½" rectangles. Next place the large end of a leaf and stem colored triangle right sides together with the small end of a background triangle just created and sew a ¼" seam down the long edge of the two triangles. Press open and trim to 2 ½" X 4 ½". Basically you should just be trimming ears off. Set these down with background fabric together, large end up. Next take the remain two half squares triangle squares of stem and leaf fabric and background fabric, and place them at the bottom of the 2 colored rectangles, stem and leaf color up to the large end of the same colored fabric in the rectangle. Check your placement against the picture. Flip the 2 ½" half triangle square block up onto the bottom of the rectangle right side together and seam them together on the bottom. Press open. This strip you now measure 2 ½" wide X 6 ½" long.
- 6) Take these two strips place them between the 2 strips from step number 4, check the picture for placement,
- 7) Leaf and stem fabric will flow from the top outer edge down the bottom inner edge. Sew the two left strips together and press open, then trim 1/8" down the long inner edge, where the stem will go. Then sew the two right strips together and trim 1/8" down the long inner edge of the right side. Next take the 1" X 6 ½" strip of leaf and stem fabric and sew down the two inner trimmed sides with ¼" seams. Press these seams to the leaf and stem strip. The resultant block should measure 8 ½" wide by 6 ½" long. Trim if needed.

The leaf and stem portion of the block is now done.

- 8) Lastly attach the flower portion of the block to the leaf and stem portion of the block, the bottom point of the flower should be in the center of the top of the stem, on the leaf and stem portion of the block when done, and the block should measure at 8 ½" X 12 ½"

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