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# Blossoms <br> Free Pattern <br> Approximately 62 " $\times 81$ " 

Please read ALL instructions BEFORE beginning your quilt $;$

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Colors Used
Center Hexagons: Sybil's Tapestry 7325-B
Flower Petals A: Sybil's Bouquet 7324-E
Flower Petals B: Edith's Swirl 7327-B
Flower Petals C: The Downton Feather 7332-OG
Background: The Downton Flurish 7330-OGL Inner Border: The Downton Feather 7332-B Outer Border: The Downton Tuft 7390-BR

## Cutting For Hexagons



1) Place your hexagon on the cutting mat to see what size strip you need to cut. In this case, a 1 " hexagon will take a 2-1/2" strip.

2) Sub cut the 2-1/2" strips into 2-1/2" Squares. The ONLY time we cut fabric hexagons instead of squares is for fussy cutting.

## Whip Stitching Straight Edges

After you have a number of pieces basted you can start whipping them together. With a matching thread, bury the knot between the paper piece and the seam allowance. If sewing a dark and light colored piece together, match the thread to the darker color.


Take two anchoring stitches when starting and whip stitch until you reach the next corner. Do not sew through the paper when joining the pieces. Your needle should slide next to the paper between the edge of the paper piece and the fabric, just catching the edge of the fabric.


We recommend about 6-10 stitches per inch. When you reach the "corner", secure it by taking two stitches together. If your whip stitchs are showing on the right side of the fabric, tighten the stitch slightly and catch less fabric. The stitching should be taut and even, but not pulling. Continue whipping pieces together to finish the block.

## How to Center Appliqué

Each basket needs to be centered on the background squares. To center your appliqué work, fold the background square in half diagonally and finger press the fold line. Now fold again crosswise and finger press the fold. Use these lightly folded lines as guidelines for centering your appliqué.


-     -         -             - Finger Press Lines

Place the fabric covered pieces on the background square and pin in place. Appliqué the pieces to the background square and remove the papers. See Paper Removal for tips.

## Removing the Papers

You can remove the papers once a piece is surrounded on all sides. Carefully pull the basting threads and remove the papers from the back side. These papers can be used again.

For the outer edges, press carefully while the papers are still in. This will help the fabric keep the shape of the paper piece. Once all of the edges are pressed, gently pull out the basting stitches and remove the papers from the back side keeping the shape with the seam allowance folded under. It is a good idea to run a basting stitch along the edge to keep the seam allowance folded under.

## Removing Papers From Appliqué Pieces



Once you have completed your appliqué, turn to the back side and cut the background fabric $1 / 4$ " inside the applique stitching lines and remove it. (It is easy to do as the papers will keep you from cutting through the front fabric.) Pull the basting threads and remove the papers from the back side. These papers can be used again.

## Adding Borders <br> Cutting The Borders

Once your quilt top is squared off, measure the long side of your quilt. Add 4 " to this number to get the total for your long borders. Cut two borders this size. Match the middles of the borders with the middle of the quilt top and pin borders in place. Sew them to your quilt top (Fig. 1). Repeat the process for the short borders. (Fig. 2). Once both sets of borders are attached, square off the corners and trim away any excess bulk from behind. (Fig. 3).


Fig. 1


Fig. 2


Fig. 3

## Finishing

Once your quilt top has the borders attached, layer the top, batting, and backing. Quilt as desired. Finish by adding the binding.

## Blossoms Quilt

Wall Hanging/ Lap Quilt
Quilt Size
$62 " \times 81 "$

Paper Pieces Required
252 1-1/4" Hexagons (HEX125)

## Fabric Required

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## Pieces

Flower Center: 1/4 yard
Flower A: $1 / 2$ yard
Flower B: $1 / 2$ yard
Flower C: $1 / 2$ yard

| Background: | $2-3 / 4$ yards |
| :--- | ---: |
| Lattice \& Inner Border | $1-1 / 4$ yards |
| Outer Border | $2-1 / 4$ yards |
| Backing | $66 " \times 85 "$ |
| Batting | $66^{\prime \prime} \times 85 "$ |
| Binding | $2 / 3$ yard |

## Cutting Instructions

Pieces
${ }^{* *}$ Note: A strip is considered the width of the fabric from selvage to selvage.
Flower Center: Cut (3) 3" strips and then sub cut into (36) 3" x 3 " squares
Flower A: Cut (3) 3" strips and then sub cut into (72) 3 " x 3" squares
Flower B: Cut (3) 3" strips and then sub cut into (72) 3 " $\times 3$ " squares
Flower C: Cut (3) 3" strips and then sub cut into (72) 3 " $\times 3$ " squares

| Background | Cut (6) $15 "$ strips, then sub cut into (12) $15 "$ squares |
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| Lattice \& Inner Border | Cut (7) $3-1 / 2 "$ strips and then sub cut (3) strips into (8) $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 14-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles |
| Outer Border | Cut (7) $5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. |
| Binding | Cut (8) $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips. |
| Assembly Instructions |  |

1) Baste the fabric to the Paper Pieces according to the basic instructions.
2) Sew 6 basted hexagons around 1 center hexagon. Fig. 1.

Fig. 1


Flower A: 1 center hexagon, 6 petals Make 12


Flower B:
1 center hexagon, 6 petals Make 12


Flower C: 1 center hexagon, 6 petals Make 12
2) Sew a pink, a green, and a blue flower together. Fig. 2


Make 12
5) Using a rotary cutter, square off Fig. 3 to $14^{-1 / 2 "}$
6)Sew a $3 \frac{1}{1} 2$ " $\times 14^{1 / 2 "}$ lattice strips to the right side of the Fig. 3 block. See Fig. 4.
3) Find the center of your background fabric. See instructions on page 3 .
4) Applique Fig. 2 to your background fabric. Fig. 3


Fig. 3
Make 12
7) Sew 2 blocks with lattice strips and 1 block without to make a row. See Fig. 5 .


Fig. 5
Make 4
8) Measure the length of Fig 4. Add a $1 / 2$ " to the measurement and sew together $3^{-1 / 2 "}$ strips to equal it. Fig. 6 . See border instructions on page 4.


Fig. 6
Make 3
9) Sew all rows together. Fig. 7


Fig. 7
9) Remove papers. See instructions on page 3 .
10) Add borders. (Fig. 8.) See border instructions on page 4.
11) Layer finished top, batting and backing. Quilt as desired.
12) Bind and enjoy!


Fig. 8

