

Blooming Flower Mat

Finishes at approx. 20"

Make the following cuts in order given:

Fat Quarter **Flower** fabric

- Two - 2 3/4" x 18" rectangles
- Two - 2 3/4" x 13 1/2" rectangles
- One - 5" square
- Four - 2 1/4" squares
- Eight - 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles

Fat Quarter **Tonal** fabric

- Four - 1 3/4" squares
- Two - 2 3/4" x 5" rectangles
- Two - 2 3/4" x 9 1/2" rectangles
- Sixteen - 1 3/4" squares
- Four - 2 1/2" squares

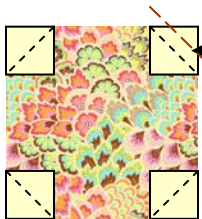
1/4 yd **Green** fabric

- Four - 5" Squares
- Two strips - 2" x 42"

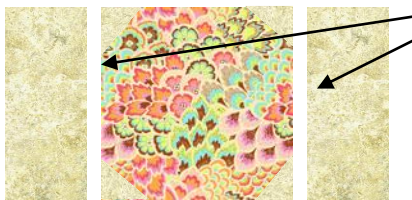
Fat 5/8 yard backing and fusible fleece



On the wrong side of the four tonal - 1 3/4" squares, lightly draw a diagonal line. With right sides facing, place squares in corners of the 5" flower square as shown. Stitch on the drawn line.



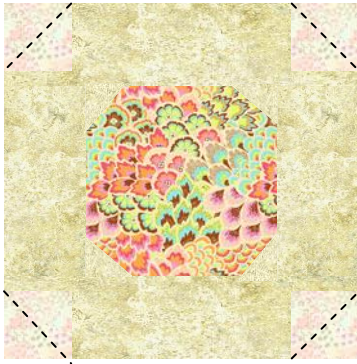
Trim away excess fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams outward.



Sew 2 3/4" x 5" tonal rectangles to opposite sides of 5" flower block. Press seams outward.

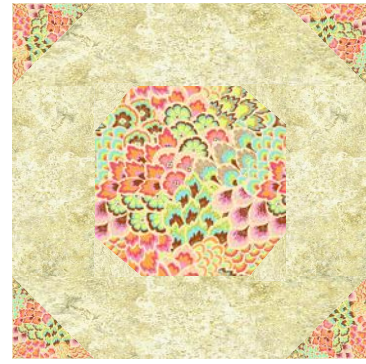
Sew 2 3/4" x 9 1/2" rectangles to top and bottom of flower block. Press seams outward.



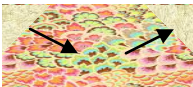


Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of four - 2 1/4" flower squares.

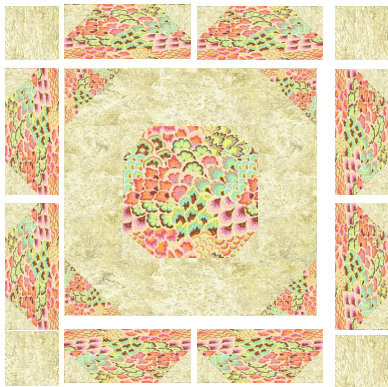
With right sides facing, place a square in each corner. Sew on drawn line. Trim away excess leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams outward.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of sixteen - 1 3/4" tonal squares. With right sides facing, place a square in each corner of eight - 2 1/2" x 5" flower rectangles as shown. Sew on drawn line. Trim away excess leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



Press the seams on each rectangle as shown (right side towards corner, left side towards center). This will make the seams snuggle together in the next step.



Arrange the pieced rectangles and the four - 2 1/2" tonal squares as shown.

Sew the two side rectangles together on each side. Add side pieces to center block.

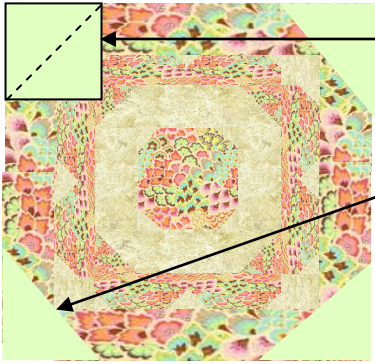
Sew the two top rectangles together. Add corner square to each side. Sew to top of center block.

Repeat with bottom rectangles and squares for bottom.



Sew the 2 3/4" x 13 1/2" flower rectangles to the top and bottom of block. Press seams outward.

Sew the 2 3/4" x 18" flower rectangles to sides of block. Press seams outward.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the four 5" green squares.

With right sides facing, sew to each corner.

Trim away excess leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.
Press seam outward.

Sew a 2" green strip to one side of mat. Trim excess. *Save* remaining part of strip for top of mat.
Sew second 2" strip to other side of mat. Trim excess.
Sew the remaining 2" strips, one to top of mat and one to bottom of mat. Trim.



Trimming corner:

Place the 1/4" line of a ruler 1/4" from green triangle corner, shown by black arrows. (By leaving a 1/4" it creates a seam allowance.)

Make sure your ruler is straight (white arrows).

Trim corner.

Heat set fusible fleece to back of backing fabric. Place backing face up on flat surface, fleece will be on the bottom. Place pieced top facedown on top of backing. Gently smooth, being careful not to stretch corners. Pin along outer edges. Stitch 1/4" around outer edges leaving a 4" opening. Trim excess backing and batting, clip corners. Turn mat right side out. Gently poke corners out. Press seams. Whipstitch opening closed.



Suggested quilting: use a walking foot

Quit mat using a walking foot. Start 1/2" away from center following the angles of the center floral print. Go around about four times. In the remaining neutral patches, quilt on the diagonal.

Stitch in the ditch for the floral print.

Quilt 1/2" from edge creating a fake binding.



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