



Spring Flowers Quilt

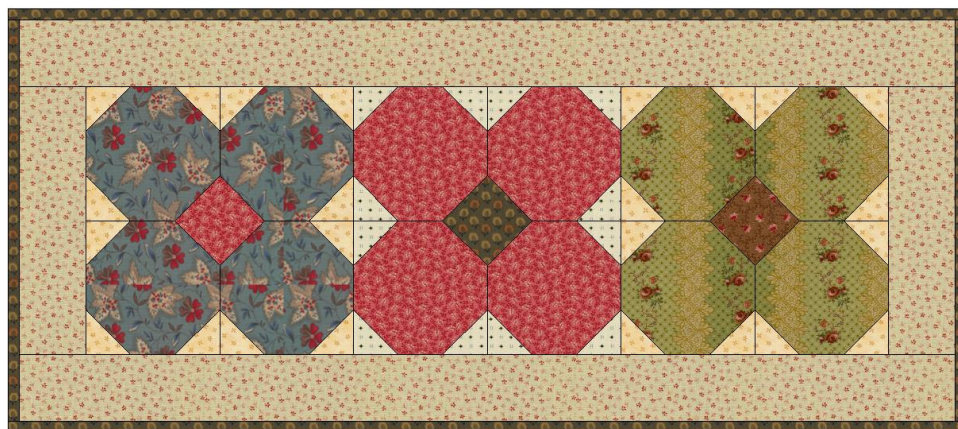


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This little block is made by using four simple Snowball blocks sewn together to look like a flower. It's a great way to use some of your floral prints for a springtime quilt.



Finished block: 6" x 6" (See below to make in a smaller size.)



For each block, cut:

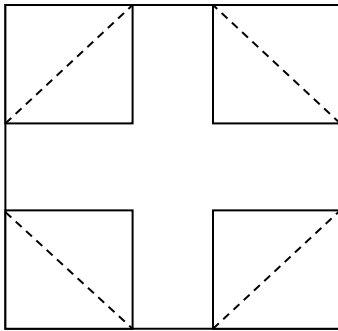
4 matching squares, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

12 matching light print squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

4 matching squares for the center, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

1. Draw a diagonal line across the back of each 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square. Layer the squares one at a time, right side down, on each corner of the 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square as shown, using 3 squares that match and one

that's different for the center of the "flower." Stitch on the diagonal line. Flip and press open to the corner. Place another marked square on another corner of the center square and repeat. Trim corners to a 1/4 inch seam and press your block.



2. Stitch the blocks together as shown:



Here are a few ideas –

Use as many blocks as you like in your quilt. Add borders or not. If you like, space out the blocks with setting squares (cut 6 1/2" squares) or sew sashing strips between the blocks. Try appliquéing stems and leaves or vines to your flowers or in the borders. I think sewing a button in the center of each flower might add to the charm. Or, appliqué a circle in the center if you don't like the button idea.

If you'd like to make your blocks smaller – cut your large squares 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" and cut the small squares 1 1/8" x 1 1/8" for a finished 4" x 4" block. Assemble the same way.

April Showers bring May flowers . . .



