

CIRCLE OF BLOOMS (PART 1)

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Fabric courtesy of Wilmington Prints



Pieced flower blocks float in the center and border of this gorgeous queen-size quilt. Part 2 is in the August/September 2011 issue of *TQ*.

Skill level: Advanced

Block size sewn into quilt: 7½" x 7½"

Blocks A and B; 12" x 12" Blocks C, D, and E

Number of blocks: 36 (8 each Blocks A-D, 4 Block E)

Finished quilt size: 88" x 88"

MATERIALS

Ordering information: Yardage is based on assorted 42" wide useable fabrics from *Wilmington Prints*. Fabric to make the quilt top only (includes binding) is available for \$179.99 (plus \$13.99 s&h within continental U.S., \$2.35 extra for certain rural locations; outside U.S., call for rates; Massachusetts residents add 6.25% sales tax) from Heartbeat Quilts, 765 Main St., Hyannis, MA 02601, while supplies last. Phone (800) 393-8050 or (508) 771-0011 or visit online at www.heartbeatquilts.com.

- ¼ yd. of Essentials Sparkle yellow tonal (No. 39055-555)
- 1½ yds. of Essentials Sparkle dark pink tonal (No. 39055-366)
- 1⅔ yds. of Essentials Scroll dark green tonal (No. 89025-701, includes binding)
- 1⅞ yds. of Essentials Scroll medium green tonal (No. 89025-707)
- 2 yds. of Splendid Hues pink diagonal stripe (No. 89095-317)*
- 2¼ yds. of Essentials Scroll medium pink tonal (No. 89025-300)
- 4 yds. of Essentials Sparkle ivory tonal (No. 39055-101)
- 96" x 96" piece of backing fabric
- 96" x 96" piece of batting
- Thread in colors to match fabrics
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Basic sewing supplies

*This fabric is directional.

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

Note: Cut all strips horizontally from selvage to selvage. Capital letters refer to block; numbers refer to pieces within the block.

From the yellow tonal fabric, cut:

Two 2" x 42" strips (A1, B1, C1, D1)

Four 2" squares (E1)

From the dark pink tonal fabric, cut:

Five 4" x 42" strips; recut into forty 3½" x 4" pieces (B4, B5, C4, C5, E4, E5) and thirty-two 2" x 4" pieces (A4a, A5b, D4a, D5b)

Three 2" x 42" strips (A6, A11, A13, D6, D11, D13)

Four 1½" x 42" strips (for first border); recut into four 1½" x 17⅜" strips (Q8) and four 1½" x 18⅜" strips (Q9)

From the dark green tonal fabric, cut:

Two 5" x 42" strips; recut into forty 1¾" x 5" pieces (C17, D17, E17)

Four 4" x 42" strips; recut into seventy-six 2" x 4" pieces (A8a, B8a, C8a, C15a, D8a, D15a, E8a, E15a)

Nine 2½" x 42" strips (for binding)

Two 1" x 33" strips (Q6, for quilt center border)

Two 1" x 32" strips (Q5, for quilt center border)

Four 1" squares (Q2, for quilt center)

From the medium green tonal fabric, cut:

Two 3½" x 42" strips; recut into forty 2" x 3½" pieces (C16, D16, E16)

Eight 2½" x 42" strips (Q14, Q15, for fifth border)

Two 2" x 42" strips (A7, B7, C7, D7)

Four 2" squares (E7)

Nine 2" x 42" strips (Q20, Q21, for eighth border)

Four 1½" x 24½" strips (Q13, for third border)

Four 1½" x 23½" strips (Q12, for third border)

From the pink diagonal stripe fabric, fussy cut:

Two 18" x 42" strips

Eight 3¾" x 42" strips (Q18, for seventh border)

From the medium pink tonal fabric, cut:

One 6½" x 42" strip; recut into four 5" x 6½" pieces (E21), four 2" x 6½" pieces (E12), and four 2" x 5" pieces (E10)

One 5" x 42" strip; recut into four 5" x 5¼" pieces (E20) and four 3¾" x 5" pieces (E22)

Six 4" x 42" strips; recut into thirty-two 3½" x 4" pieces (A4, A5, D4, D5) and fifty-two 2" x 4" pieces (B4a, B5b, C4a, C5b, E4b, E5a, E8, E15)

Eight 3¼" x 42" strips; recut into four 3¼" x 23⅞" strips (Q11), four 3¼" x 21⅞" strips (Q10), and four 2" x 3½" pieces (E3)

Five 2" x 42" strips; recut two strips into twenty-four 2" squares (B6, B11, B13, C6, C11, C13, E2, E9, E14, E19)
 One 1 3/4" x 42" strip; recut into sixteen 1 3/4" squares (E18)

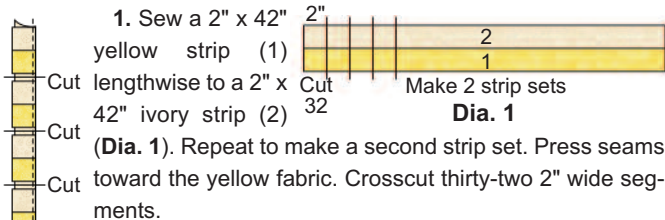
From the ivory tonal fabric, cut:

Two 6 1/2" x 42" strips (A12, B12, C12, D12)
 Two 6 1/2" x 42" strips; recut into sixteen 5" x 6 1/2" pieces (C21, D21)
 Two 5" x 42" strips (A10, B10, C10, D10)
 Four 5" x 42" strips; recut into sixteen 5" x 5 1/4" pieces (C20, D20) and sixteen 3 3/4" x 5" pieces (C22, D22)
 Three 4" x 42" strips; recut into fifty-six 2" x 4" pieces and four 3 3/4" squares (A4b, A5a, A8, B4b, B5a, B8, E4a, E5b, Q19)
 Four 4" x 42" strips; recut into eighty 2" x 4" pieces (C4b, C5a, C8, C15, D4b, D5a, D8, D15)
 Five 2" x 42" strips (A2, A3, B2, B3, C2, C3, D2, D3)
 Seven 2" x 42" strips; recut into one hundred forty 2" squares (A9, A14, B9, B14, C9, C14, C19, D9, D14, D19, E6, E11, E13)
 Three 1 3/4" x 42" strips; recut into sixty-four 1 3/4" squares (C18, D18)
 Eight 1 1/2" x 42" strips (Q16, Q17, for sixth border)
 Five 1" x 42" strips (for sashing); recut into 1" x 32" strip (Q4), two 1" x 16" strips (Q3), and sixteen 1" x 8" strips (Q1)

DIRECTIONS

Note: Use a 1/4" seam allowance throughout. Piece numbers are provided in parentheses and correspond to the diagrams. Sew all pieces with right sides together and raw edges even, using matching thread. Press seams as indicated. In steps where Blocks A through D share the same units, joint assembly is given. Keep the pieces for each block separate.

Unit 1/2/3 Assembly (Blocks A-D)



Dia. 1

(Dia. 1). Repeat to make a second strip set. Press seams toward the yellow fabric. Crosscut thirty-two 2" wide segments.

2. With raw edges aligned, pin 11 segments right sides together on one 2" x 42" ivory strip (3), leaving 1/4" between them (Dia. 2). Stitch 1/4" away from the right edge.

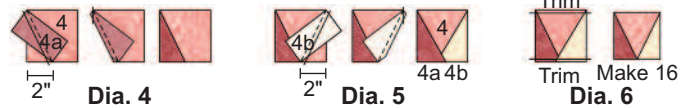
Cut the units apart and press seams toward piece 3. Sew and trim the remaining 21 segments in the same manner. Square up the units to measure 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (Dia. 3).

3. Make four piles of eight units each. Label the piles A through D.

Block A and Partial Block D Assembly

1. *Quick-corner units 4/4a/4b.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a 2" x 4" dark pink piece (4a). Place the

piece right side down on a 3 1/2" x 4" medium pink piece (4) and sew on the marked line (Dia. 4). Trim 1/4" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press the triangle open. Repeat on the op-

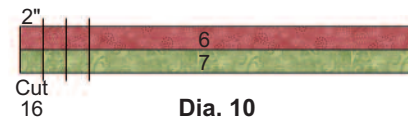


posite side with a 2" x 4" ivory piece (4b) (Dia. 5). Trim 1/4" from the top and bottom so that the unit measures 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (Dia. 6). Make a total of 16 units (eight each for Blocks A and D).

2. *Quick-corner units 5/5a/5b.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a 2" x 4" ivory piece (5a). Place the piece right side down on a 3 1/2" x 4" medium pink piece (5) and stitch on the marked line (Dia. 7). Trim 1/4" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press the triangle open. Repeat on the opposite side with



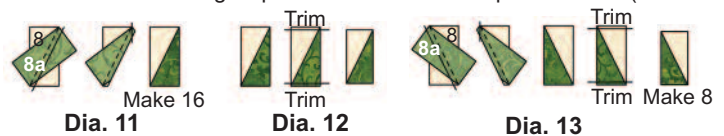
a 2" x 4" dark pink piece (5b) (Dia. 8). Trim 1/4" from the top and bottom so that the unit measures 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" (Dia. 9). Make a total of 16 units (eight each for Blocks A and D).



Dia. 10

3. *Unit 6/7.* Sew a 2" x 42" dark pink strip (6) to a 2" x 42" medium green tonal strip (7) (Dia. 10). Crosscut sixteen 2" wide segments (eight each for Blocks A and D).

4. *Unit 8/8a.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a dark green 2" x 4" piece (8a). Place the piece right side down on a 2" x 4" ivory piece (8) and stitch on the marked line from corner to corner (Dia. 11). Trim 1/4" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press the triangle open. Trim 1/4" from the top and bottom (Dia.



12). The unit now measures 2" x 3 1/2". Make a total of 16 units (eight each for Blocks A and C), then make eight mirror-image units and set aside for Block D (Dia. 13).

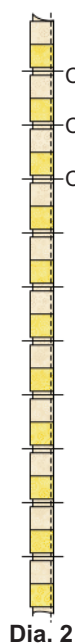
5. *Unit 9.* Sew one unit 6/7 to one unit 8/8a (Dia. 14). Press seam toward unit 6/7. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a 2" ivory square (9). Place the square on piece 7 (Dia. 15). Stitch on the marked line, then trim 1/4" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press seam toward piece 9. Make a total of eight units for Block A, then make eight units for Block D, noting placement of unit 8/8a (Dia. 16).



Dia. 14

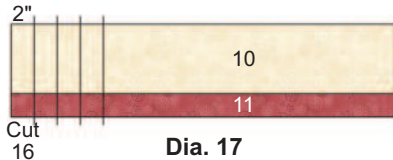
Dia. 15

Dia. 16



Dia. 2

6. *Unit 10/11.* Sew a 5" x 42" ivory strip (10) lengthwise to a 2" x 42" dark pink strip (11) (**Dia. 17**). Press seams toward the ivory strip. Crosscut sixteen 2" wide segments (eight each for Blocks A and D).



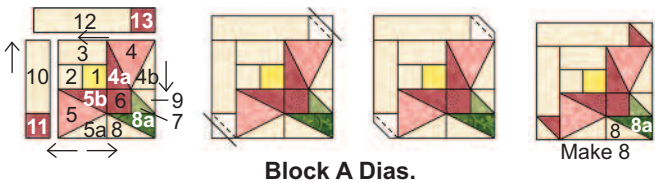
Dia. 17

7. *Unit 12/13.* Stitch a 6½" x 42" ivory strip (12) to a 2" x 42" dark pink strip (13) (**Dia. 18**). Press seams toward the ivory strip. Crosscut sixteen 2" wide segments (eight each for Blocks A and D.)



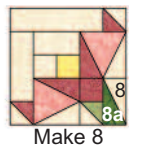
Dia. 18

8. Following the **Block A Dias.**, gather one of each assembled unit shown and sew together. Press seams in the direction of the arrows. Square up the block to measure 8" x 8". Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of two 2" ivory squares (14). Place one square right sides together on piece 11 and the other square on piece 13. Stitch on the marked lines, then trim ¼" beyond the stitching through both layers and press the triangles open. Square up the block to measure 8" x 8". Make a total of eight blocks.



Block A Dias.

9. Using all the units set aside for Block D, make eight more blocks following the **Partial Block D Dia.** (**Note:** The only difference between Block A and the Block D sections is the construction and placement of unit 8/8a.)



Partial Block D Dia.

Block B Assembly

1. *Quick-corner units 4/4a/4b.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a 2" x 4" light pink piece (4a). Place the piece right side down on a 3½" x 4" dark pink piece (4) and sew on the marked line (**Dia. 19**). Trim ¼" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press the triangle open. Repeat on the opposite side with a 2" x 4" ivory piece (4b) (**Dia. 20**). Trim ¼" from the top and bottom so that the unit measures 3½" x 3½" (**Dia. 21**). Make a total of 20 units (eight each for Blocks B and C and four for Block E).

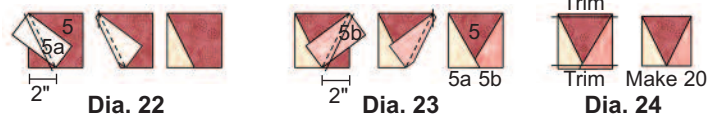


Dia. 19

Dia. 20

Dia. 21

2. *Quick-corner units 5/5a/5b.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a 2" x 4" ivory piece (5a). Place the piece right side down on a 3½" x 4" dark pink piece (5) and stitch on the marked line (**Dia. 22**). Trim ¼" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press the triangle open. Repeat on the opposite side with a 2" x 4" medium pink piece (5b) (**Dia. 23**). Trim ¼" from the top and bottom so that the unit measures 3½" x 3½" (**Dia. 24**). Make a total of 20 units (eight each for Blocks B and C and four for Block E).



Dia. 22

Dia. 23

Dia. 24

3. *Unit 6/7.* Sew a 2" medium pink strip (6) to a 2" medium green strip (7) (**Dia. 25**). Crosscut sixteen 2" wide segments (eight each for Blocks B and C).



Dia. 25

4. *Unit 8/8a.* Gather together 16 of the units assembled in step 4 of the Block A and Partial Block D Assembly. Stitch a unit to each unit assembled in step 3 (**Dia. 26**). Press seams toward units 6/7. (Eight of the units are for Block B and eight are for Block C.)



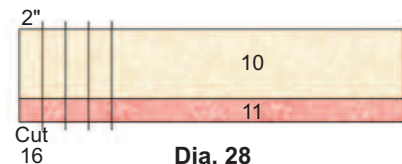
Dia. 26

5. *Unit 9.* Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a 2" ivory square (9). Place the square on piece 7 (**Dia. 27**). Sew on the marked line, then trim ¼" beyond the stitching through both layers. Press seam toward piece 9. Make a total of 16 units (eight each for Blocks B and C).



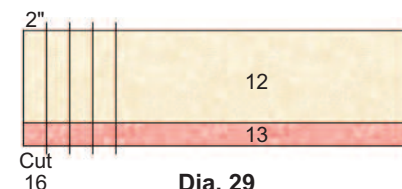
Dia. 27

6. *Unit 10/11.* Stitch a 5" x 42" ivory strip (10) to a 2" x 42" medium pink strip (11) (**Dia. 28**). Press seam toward the ivory strip. Crosscut sixteen 2" wide segments (eight each for Blocks B and C).



Dia. 28

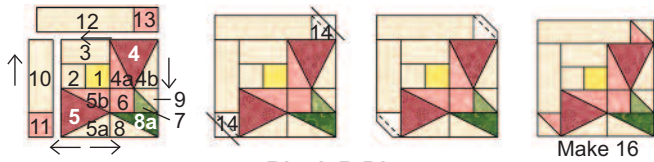
7. *Unit 12/13.* Sew a 6½" x 42" ivory strip (12) to a 2" x 42" medium pink strip (13) (**Dia. 29**). Press seam toward the ivory strip. Crosscut sixteen 2" wide segments (eight each for Blocks B and C).



Dia. 29

8. Gather together one of each assembled unit. Following the **Block B Dias.**, stitch the units together, then press in the direction of the arrows. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of two 2" ivory squares. Place one square right sides together on piece 11 and the other square on piece 13. Sew on the marked lines, then trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the stitching through both layers and press the triangles open. Square up the block to measure 8" x 8".

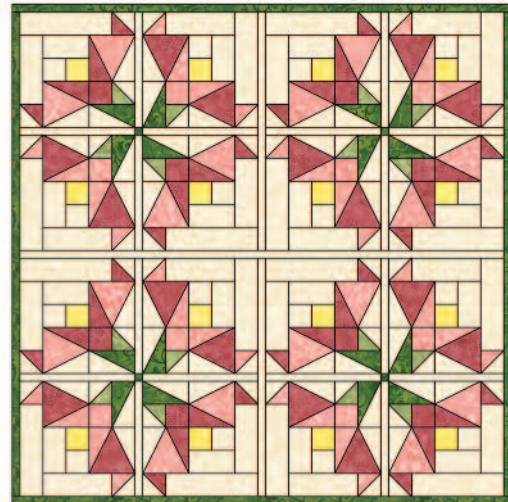
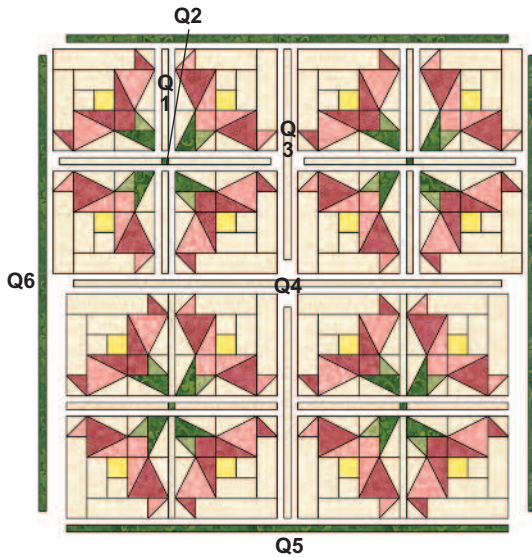
9. Repeat step 8 to make a total of 16 blocks. Set aside eight blocks for use in the Block C Assembly.



Quilt Center Assembly

Note: Refer to the **Quilt Center Dias.** for steps 1 through 5.

1. Sew a 1" x 8" ivory strip (Q1) between one Block A and one Block B. Make a total of eight pairs.
2. Stitch a 1" dark green square (Q2) between two 1" x 8" strips (Q1). Make a total of four strip units.
3. Sew a strip unit between two block pairs to make one 16" x 16" section. Make a total of four sections.
4. Stitch a 1" x 16" strip (Q3) between two sections. Sew the other 1" x 16" strip (Q3) between the remaining two sections. Stitch the 1" x 32" ivory strip (Q4) between both halves of the quilt center. Square up the quilt center to measure 32" x 32".
5. Sew a 1" x 32" dark green strip (Q5) to each of two opposite sides of the quilt center. Stitch a 1" x 33" dark green strip (Q6) to each of the remaining sides. ❖



Quilt Center Dias.