

Block of the Month March: Spring Flowers

It's not too early to think about Spring flowers. They brighten our world after the cold of winter. This block contains three flowers in a vertical block pattern.

Fabric needed for **each** flower:

Background: Three $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; three $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Green: one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square (leaves).

Red: one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square (petals).

Yellow: one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Make two HST for leaf blocks.

Align one green $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one white $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square right-sides together.

Draw a diagonal line and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides Cut on diagonal line, trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", press.

Make two HST for tulip petals.

Align one red $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square and one white $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square right-sides together.

Draw a diagonal line and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides Cut on diagonal line, trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", press.

You will need the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square to complete the flower (see below).

Make tulip center block.

Sew two white $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares together. Sew one yellow and one white $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares together.

Sew white unit above yellow/white unit as shown below.

Sew the squares together as shown below to make one $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " flower block.

Make two more flower blocks: the same colors or vary the colors.

Sew three flowers together vertically. The block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Sew a $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background strip to the top and bottom of the block.

Sew a 2 " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the left side of the block.

Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the right side of the block.