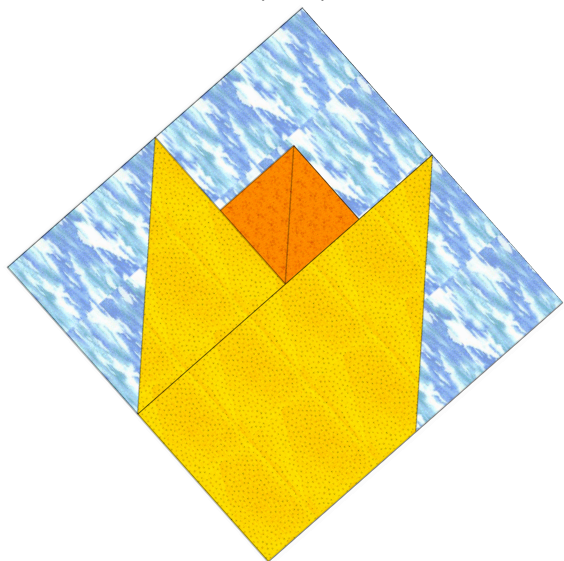


Tulip

4 inch finished

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch edge to edge

This is another fun flower block that doesn't necessarily look like a flower when you combine them.



For FOUR tulips you will need:

4- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles of petal fabric

2- 3 inch squares of petal fabric

8 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares of background (sky) fabric

2 - 3 inch square of background (sky) fabric

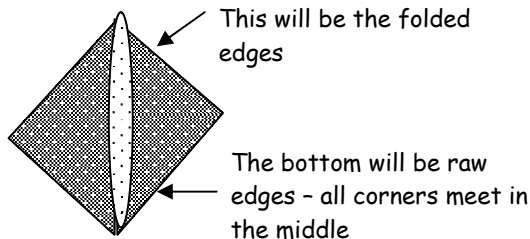
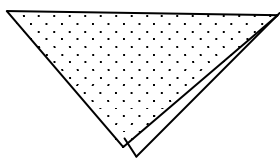
2 - 3 inch square of centre fabric #1

2 - 3 inch square of centre fabric #2

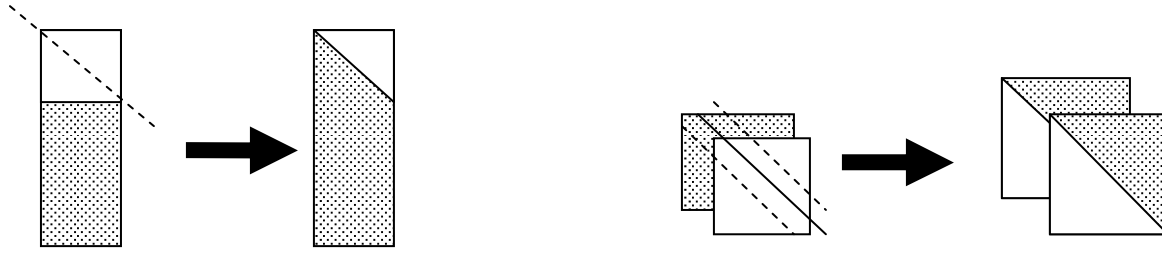
Note: for the guild block we are using a deep purple for a night sky fabric.

First, let's get those pesky centres done:

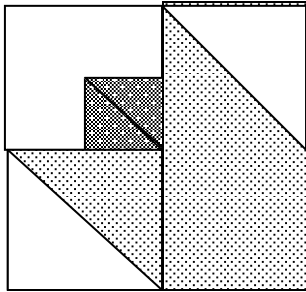
Using one 3 inch square of centre fabric #1, and one 3 inch square of centre fabric #2, make two half square triangles. Repeat with the other two squares. When you press them, press them in half at the seam - wrong sides together. Now you have a double sided triangle. Decide which side you want to be prominent. Place the triangle in front of you with the seam at the top and the prominent side on the table. Now bring the two top points down to meet at the bottom point. Pin onto one corner of a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sky square and put aside. Can you see the second fabric peaking out down the centre of your square?



For the Petals - The long petal has a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch connector corner of sky - but make sure you sew it on the correct corner of the rectangular petal. The shorter petal is just a half square triangle of sky and petal. Make it from the 3 inch squares and trim then to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. (drawings below are not to scale)

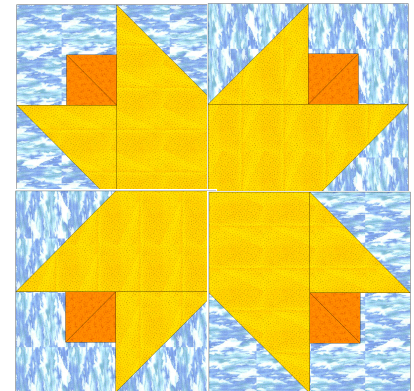


Now, just put it all together. Sew the square petal to the square of sky with your centre pinned to it, then add the long petal.

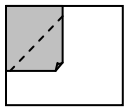


For the Guild Block, make four tulips and sew them in a four patch with the centres in the middle (8 inch block finished)

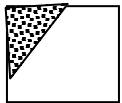
For the pictorial quilt - make 3 tulips with the sky background and set aside for later.



Connector Corners:

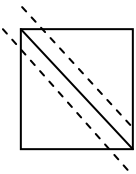


Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position. Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.

Half Square Triangles:



Use two different fabrics to make two $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles.

On the back of the lighter of your two fabrics, draw a line kitty corner. Layer your two squares right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the line. Cut along the line, press the seam towards the dark side, and square to the correct size

Tulips are a sure sign that Spring is here, and they herald a host of festivals - from the Skagit Valley festival in April to the Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa in May, tulips abound. Tulip means turban and comes from a Turkish word - turbend. They were first introduced into Europe in the 1590s and soon became major trading commodities. Different tulips were status symbols and in such high demand that they were often sold by estimated weight before they were lifted from the ground. Trading in tulip futures (tulpenwindhandel - tulip wind trade) got so out of hand that the Dutch government introduced trade restrictions. Today there are over 100 species and many hybrids varieties.