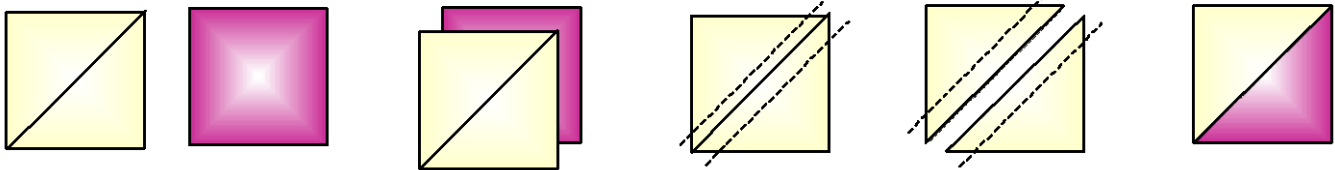


Trimming Half Square Triangles Continued

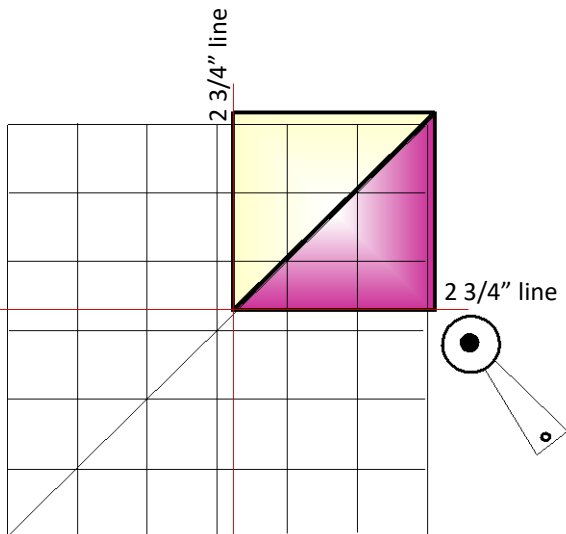
The Half Square Triangles (HSTs) for the blocks in this pattern are oversized so that they can be trimmed to the correct size. This provides wiggle room if the fabric stretches or distorts. You can choose your preferred method for creating HSTs.

Creating Half Square Triangles - (HSTs) that square to $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Using a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " Background square and a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " Scrappy square. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Background square. Draw another diagonal line on both sides of the first line $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the first line. The second set of lines are your sewing lines. Layer the Background square on the Scrappy square (right sides together) and sew on the outer two lines as shown in the diagram. Once you have sewn on both the outside lines, cut apart on the middle line using your rotary cutter and ruler. Finger press open to prevent distortion.



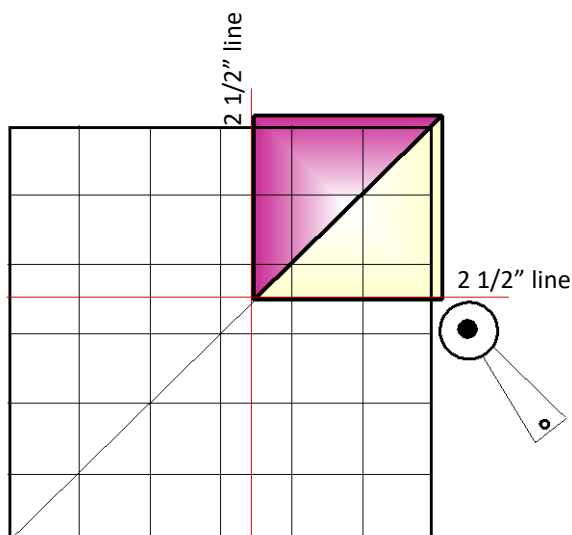
Now you are ready to square the HST's to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". This is where your 4" (or 6") ruler will come in handy. I am using the 6" ruler for illustration purposes.



When you have finished making HSTs, it is time to iron them. Be careful not to stretch them out of shape. It is helpful to a pressing mat with grid lines.

- You'll line the diagonal seam line of the HST up with the 45 degree line of the ruler.
- Next line the bottom and side of the block up with the $2\frac{3}{4}$ " marking on the ruler and trim off the extra on the top and side.

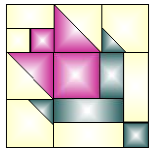
****Don't worry if your block doesn't reach the $2\frac{3}{4}$ " line - it is more important to make sure the diagonal of the block is on the diagonal of the ruler and that it is bigger than $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". ***



- Turn the block around and once again line the diagonal seam line of the HST up with the 45 degree line of the ruler.
- Next line the bottom and side up with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " marking on the ruler, trim off the extra. Make sure to use the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " marking.

This part can be tedious, but you'll find you'll have a more accurate block, which results in a nicer quilt!

Row Three Tulip Flower Blocks



You'll need the following:

Background

- 1 1/2" squares – 12
- 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles – 12
- 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles - 24
- 2 1/2" squares - 24
- 3 1/4" squares – 12

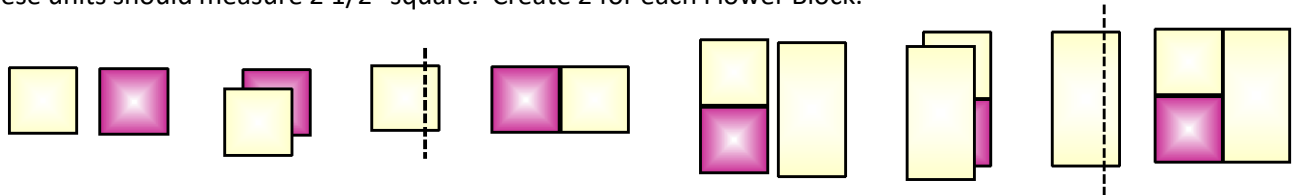
Flower Parts

- 1 1/2" squares - 12 (1 per block)
- 3 1/4" squares - 12 (1 per block)
- 2 1/2" squares - 12 (1 per block)

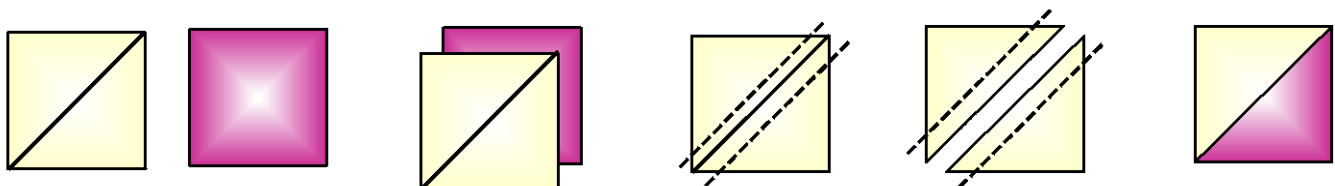
Leaf Parts

- 1 1/2" squares - 36 (3 per block)
- 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles- 12 (1 per block)
- 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles - 12 (1 per block)

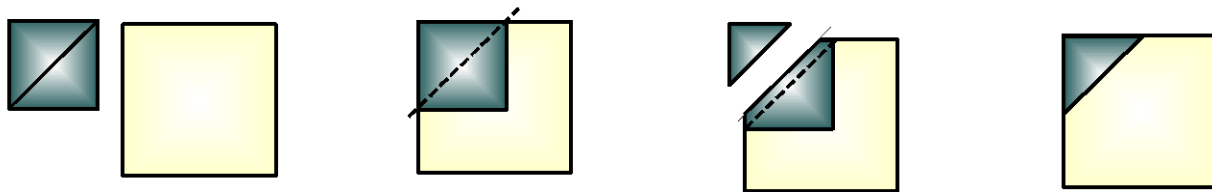
Layer the 1 1/2" Background squares with the 1 1/2" Flower squares, right sides together and sew. Press the seam allowance toward the Flower Color. The units should measure 1 1/2" x 2 1/2". Layer these units with the 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" Background rectangles, right sides together and sew down the length. Pay attention to the orientation. Press the seam allowance to the side. These units should measure 2 1/2" square. Create 2 for each Flower Block.



Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3 1/4" Background squares. Layer these squares with the 3 1/4" Flower squares. Sew 1/4" from the line on both sides of the line. Cut apart on the diagonal line. Press seam allowance toward the Flower Color. You will need to trim these units to 2 1/2" – see the directions for trimming HST's from last month's block. For best results trim from all 4 sides. Create 2 for each block.



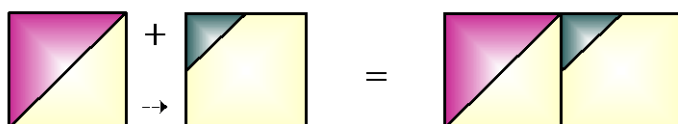
Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of 8 of the 1 1/2" Leaf squares (set aside the remaining 4 squares). Layer these squares on the corner of the 2 1/2" Background squares as shown in the diagram. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim 1/4" from the diagonal toward the outside corner, as shown. Press the seam allowance toward the Leaf color. Create 2 for each Flower block.



Sew together the above units as shown in the diagrams. Press the seam allowance in the direction of the arrow. Pay close attention to the orientation of the units.



2 1/2" x 6 1/2"
Set aside the units for Step G.

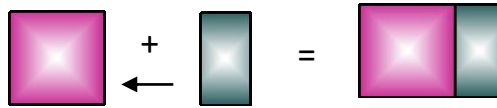


2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
Set aside the units for Step F.

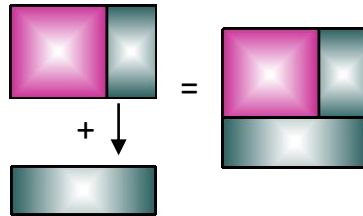
Building the block:

Follow the diagrams to build your blocks. Press seam allowance in the direction of the arrows. Measurements are provided to give you a guideline. Pay close attention to the orientation of the units. Create one for each flower block.

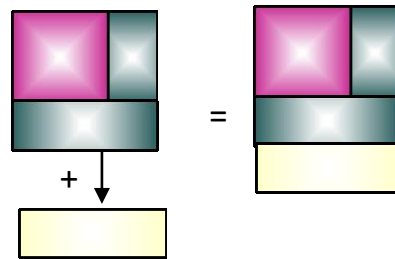
Step A: Add 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" leaf rectangles to the 2 1/2" Flower squares, as shown.



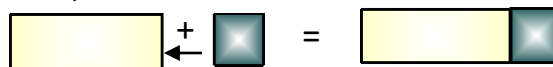
Step B: Add the 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" Leaf rectangles and Background rectangles to the Step A units, as shown.



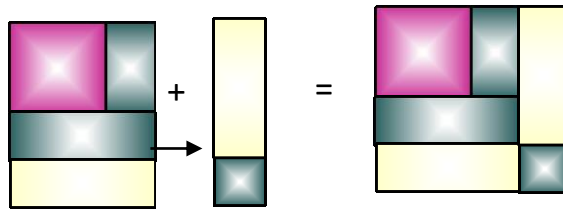
Step C: Add 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" Background rectangles to the Step B unit.



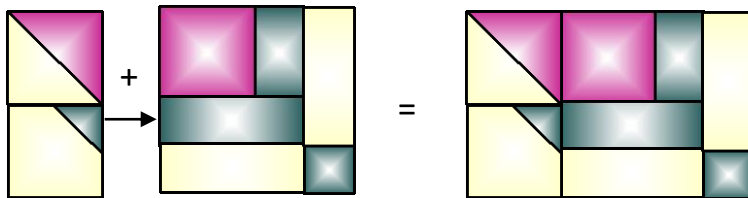
Step D: Add 1 1/2" leaf squares to the 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" Background rectangles.



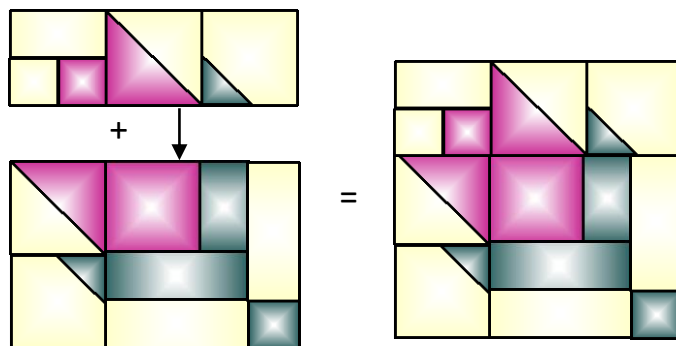
Step E: Add Step D rectangles to the Step C units.



Step F: Add the rectangles from the previous page to the Step E units.



Step G: Add the rectangles from the previous page to the Step F units.



Create 12 Flower blocks measuring 6 1/2" square. Decide on your layout and color arrangement. Sew the blocks together to create a row measuring 6 1/2" x 72 1/2".

