

Spring Bouquet

Pattern by Edyta Sitar

Pieced by Ann Zemke

Quilted by Lori Allison

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Materials:

Pattern: \$27.95

Fabric Pak: \$169.95

Backing – Rose Clouds – Magenta: \$54.95

Binding: 1 yard Shirt Stripes – green (cut on bias) \$11.99

Ann used a freezer paper method to prepare her appliqué pieces. She traced each appliqué piece design to the dull side of freezer paper, cut the designs on the drawn lines and then ironed the freezer paper pieces, shiny side down, to the back side of the fabric she chose for each piece. She cut a ¼” fabric allowance around each piece. Using a water soluble glue stick to adhere the fabric allowance to the freezer paper, Ann turned under the fabric edges which gave her clean, smooth, finished edges for each piece.

A Clover Bias Tape maker was used to make the stems, again using a small amount of water soluble glue and appliqué pins to place the stems. Ann marked the piece placement on the background fabric with a Clover washable ink pen.

Ann appliquéd the pieces to the fabric background with a Clover Black Gold appliqué sharp #12 needle and 100 wt. silk thread. When the blocks and borders were complete, she used a small, sharp appliqué scissor to trim the background from behind each appliqué piece to ¼” seam allowance. She dissolved the glue with her fingertip and a very small amount of water, and then carefully removed the freezer paper. When the blocks and borders were complete, Ann pressed thoroughly and trimmed to the correct size.

Lori used Quilter’s Dream “Request” cotton batting and Quilter’s Dream Wool (over the cotton) when quilting the project on a long arm machine. She ditch quilted around each appliqué piece with matching Superior brand Bottom Line thread on the top and bottom. She also ditch quilted between two appliqué pieces when they were layered. The combination of cutting out the background and ditch quilting each appliqué piece gives the dimensional quality to the quilt. To quilt the motifs and fills, Lori used Fil-Tec’s Glide 50 wt thread in the Pea Soup colorway.



