



BLOOMING AGAVE WORKSHOP SUMMARY

With Abigail Vargas

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Skill Level: Advanced Beginner or higher

This quilt, designed by Abigail Vargas, is inspired by the Mexican blankets and the agave farm of her husband's heritage. The original quilt was a gift for her husband and hung at Quiltcon 2020 in Austin, TX.

In this workshop, attendees will learn to use a parallelogram block to create a modern, stylized Blooming Agave quilt. The goal is to complete one section, which can be finished as a wall hanging (26" x 72") or combined into a larger 71" x 72" quilt with three agave sections.

The session begins with a discussion on cutting parallelograms and utilizing the fabric grainline for precise piecing. Hands-on instruction will guide participants through each step of the process.

Tips and tricks are presented for accurately piecing together two parallelogram shapes. Additional topics include color variations, pressing techniques, grainline usage, and optional design elements to personalize the final quilt.

At the end of the workshop, attendees will have a solid foundation in these techniques and make significant progress on their Blooming Agave quilt.





BLOOMING AGAVE QUILT MATERIAL LIST

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Fabric Requirements

COLOR	SAMPLE	QUILT SIZE 72"X72"	WALL HANGING 26"X72"
B=Bloom	Yellow	1 Yard	24"W x 22"H (2/3 Yards)
F=Flower 1,2,3	3 Colors	12"W x 22" L (2/3 Yards) Each	12"W x 22" L (2/3 Yards) Each
F=Flower 4,5,6	3 Colors	12"W x 22" L (2/3 Yards) Each	n/a
F=Flower 7,8,9	3 Colors	12"W x 22" L (2/3 Yards) Each	n/a
L=Leaf	Green	1-1/4 Yards	24"W x 22"H (2/3 Yards)
BACKGROUND	Off-White	4 Yards	1-1/2 Yards

Any cotton quilting fabric type can be used. Solids, printed, novelty, batik, gradient, etc.

Consider B, F and L colors with high contrast to the background color.

Preparation for Class:

- Cut the fabric strips of at least one agave plant (wall hanging) listed on Pages 2-4 of the pattern before the day of the workshop.

Supplies for Wall Hanging & Quilt:

- Blooming Agave Pattern
- Cutting Mat at least 22" long
- Long Rotary Cutter Ruler, at least 22" long (**Important!**)
- 6"x12" or Larger Rotary Cutter Ruler
- Favorite Non-Permanent Fabric Marker(s)-I recommend chalk or purple disappearing ink.
- Washi tape or thin painter's tape to use on rotary cutter rulers
- 45 mm Rotary Cutter
- Scissors
- Pins (recommended instead of clips)
- Thread for Sewing Machine
- Standard Quilt Sewing Supplies
- Sewing Machine (remember power cord, foot pedal, new needle, standard foot or 1/4" piecing foot)