

Karen's Gingerbread Florals

12" pieced and appliqued block

Materials:

For appliqued blocks

Scraps, scraps and more scraps

OR

12 – fat quarters, half dark, half light

12 – fat eighths, half dark, half light

For sashing, cornerstones and borders

5/8 yard for sashing and cornerstones

1/2 yard for inner border

(need 1 1/2 yard if cut on straight grain)

1 1/8 yard for outer border

(need 2 yards if cut on straight grain)

Fabric Selection: Half of the blocks used a dark fabric for Fabric 1 and a light fabric for Fabric 2. The remaining blocks reversed these fabrics. They used a light fabric for Fabric 1 and a dark fabric for Fabric 2.

Cutting: I've allowed extra for paper piecing, however, you may prefer to make one block first. If you would prefer more fabric, you can adjust it before cutting all of the fat quarters and fat eighths.

Following diagrams to pre-cut each fat quarter and fat eighth. **For a more generous pre-cut use sizes in red.**

Fabric 1:

1 – 6 7/8" square (A)

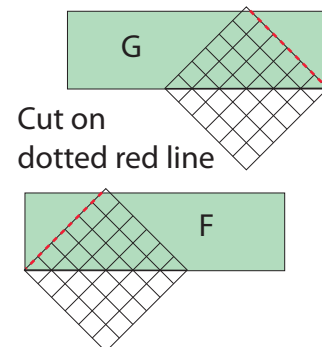
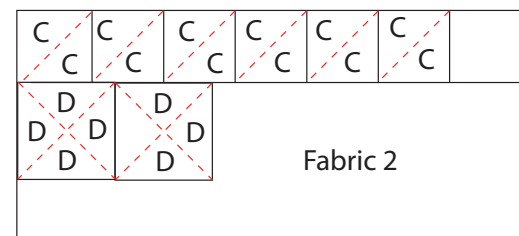
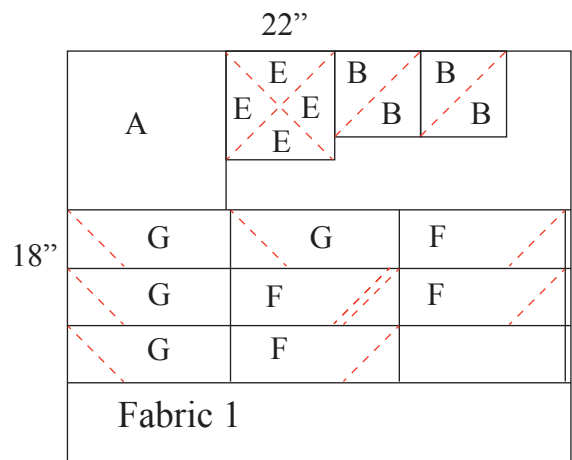
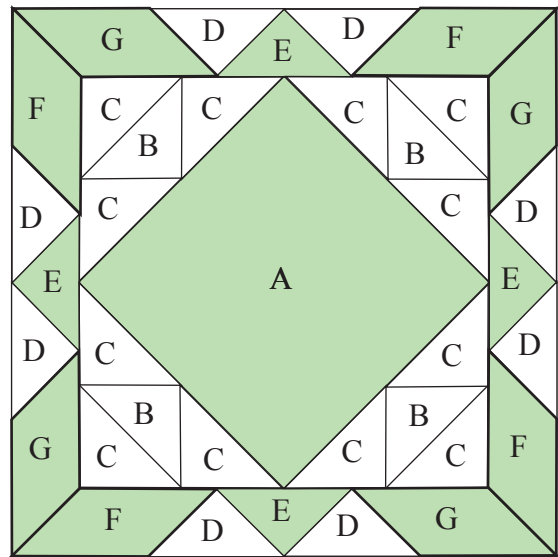
2 – 3 3/4" (4") squares cut in half diagonally once for a total of 4 triangles (B)

1 – 4 3/4" (5") square cut in half on both diagonals for a total of 4 triangles (E)

4 – 2 1/2"x7 1/4" (3"x7 1/4") rectangles, cut diagonally on left for a total of 4 trapezoids (G)

4 – 2 1/2"x7 1/4" (3"x7 1/4") rectangles, cut diagonally on right for a total of 4 trapezoids (F)

Note: The diagonal for G and F is 45°. Place the diagonal line of a 6" ruler on the bottom edge of the patch with the edge of the ruler going through the bottom corner as in diagram to the right. Cut. Be sure to label G and F on right side so as not to mix them up.



Fabric 2:

- 6 – 3 3/4" (4") squares cut diagonally once for a total of 12 triangles (C)
- 2 – 4 3/4" (5") squares cut diagonally twice for a total of 8 triangles (D)

Inner Border and Sashing: Cut

- 5 – 2 1/2" x width of fabric strip
- Sew border strips together end-to-end then cut the following
 - 2 – 2 1/2" x 44 1/2" strips
 - 2 – 2 1/2" x 54 1/2" strips
- 7 – 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips for sashing
- 6 – 2 1/2" squares for cornerstones

Outer Border cut 6 – 4 1/4" x width of fabric strips

- Sew border strips together end-to-end then cut the following
 - 2 – 4 1/4" x 52" strips
 - 2 – 4 1/4" x 58 1/2" strips

Appliqué: Using the Quick Prep Method of Appliqué, appliqué the center blocks. All flowers and leaves are sculpted using the method to line appliqué patches as described in my DVD: Quick Prep Appliqué Vol. 2. Instead of lining the patches with white cotton fabric, line the patches with a table runner/placemat batting. This will make the flowers and leaves look sculpted.

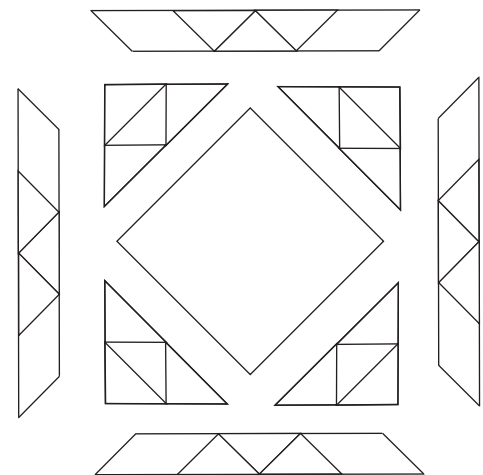
Block Assembly: Make 48 copies of the paper-pieced outer edge sheet for a total of 48 copies of the outer edge. . Make 16 copies of the paper-pieced corner sheet for a total of 48 copies of the corner.

Select the pre-cut triangles and trapezoids for a single block. You will be using just two fabrics one of which will be the same as the background of the center block (A). I recommend laying them out as in the diagram of the block on page 1.

Paper piece four corners and four outer edges. Then following the diagram to the right, assemble the final block. I recommend leaving the paper on the paper pieced blocks.

Begin by adding the four corner units to the center block. The corners will have paper behind the and the center block won't. I prefer to place the center block on the bottom and the paper pieced corner on the top. Pin in place and stitch.

After completing the four corners add the outer edges to the center section. The corners will be mitered but will be easy to do with the paper on the back as a guide. When block is complete, remove the paper.

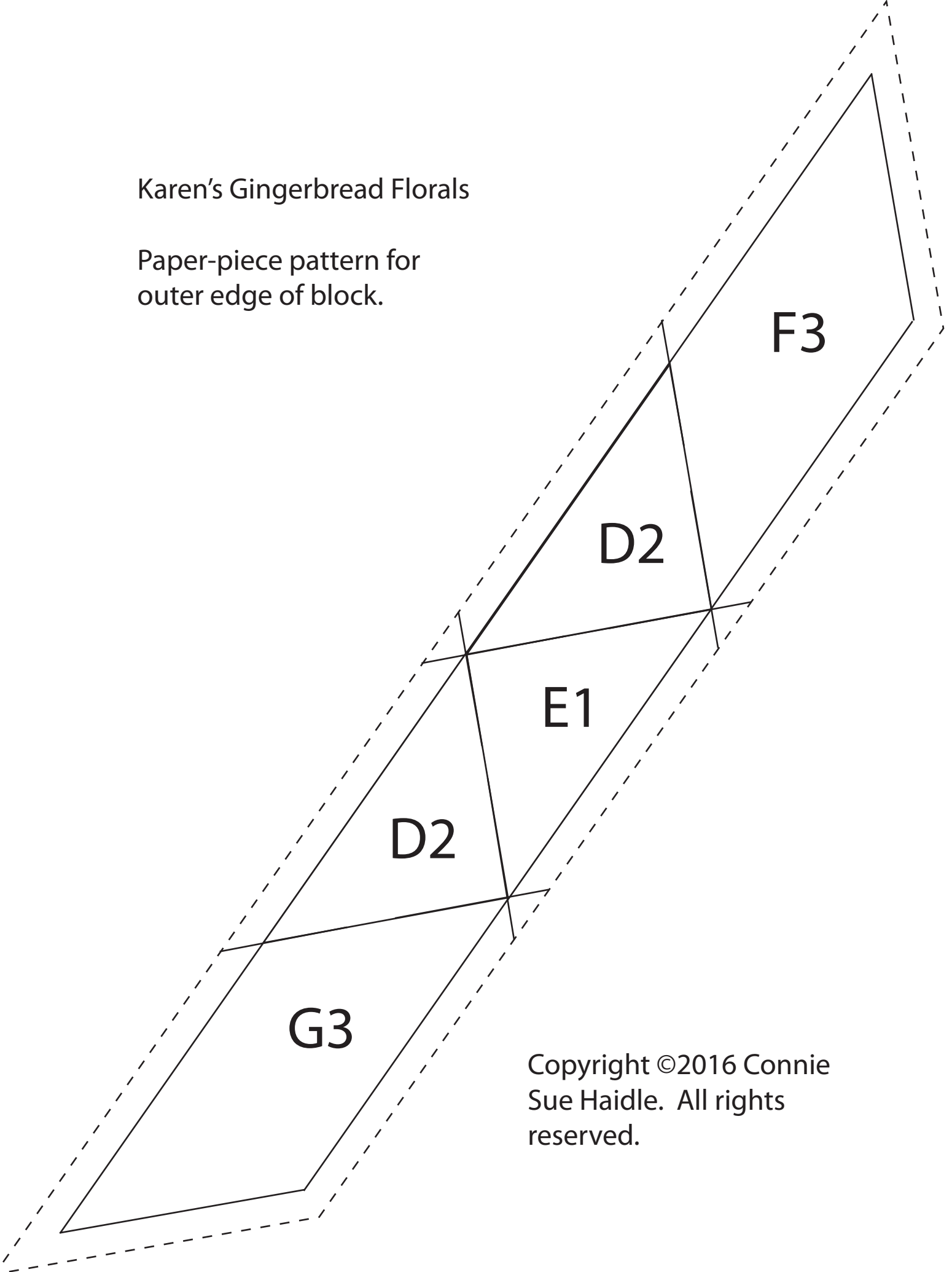


Quilt Assembly: Following the diagram of the full size quilt on the last page, stitch the quilt top together by rows. When the center section is done, add the inner border and then the outer border.

Quilt as desired. Don't forget to add a label to the back of your quilt.

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Paper-piece pattern for
outer edge of block.



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Paper Piece Patterns for block corners

