

Flower Fiesta Finishing Instructions

Part 2: Quilt Assembly

Assemble the blocks and Sashing

1. Arrange the completed and trimmed blocks in four rows of three blocks each.
2. **Row 1:** Sew a 2-1/2" sashing square between three 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" outer sashing blocks. Be sure the tan side is toward the quilt center and the blue side is toward the outside of the quilt.
3. Sew a 2-1/2" sashing square on each end of the three joined outer sashing blocks. (Fig. 1-Row 1) Press the seams toward the sashing squares. Make 2, one for the top and one for the bottom of the quilt center.



Fig. 1: Blocks and Sashing Assembly

4. **Row 2:** Sew a 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" inner sashing block between the three applique blocks in Row 2. Press the seams toward the applique blocks. (Fig. 1-Row 2)
5. Sew a 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" outer sashing block to both ends of Row 2, with the tan side toward the blocks and the blue side toward the outside of the quilt.
6. Repeat Row 2 using three more applique blocks for Rows 4, 6 and 8.
7. **Row. 3:** Sew a 2-1/2" sashing square between three 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" inner sashing blocks. (Fig 1-Row 3)
8. Sew a 2-1/2" sashing square on each end of the three joined inner sashing blocks. Press the seams toward the sashing squares. Make 3.



9. Sew Row 1 to Row 2 matching seams and ends. (Fig 2) Seams should nest if they have been pressed correctly. Press this seam open to avoid excess bulk.
10. Sew Sashing Row 3 to Applique Block Row 4. (Fig. 3) Press seam open.
11. Sew Sashing Row 5 to Applique Block Row 6. (Fig. 4) Press seam open.
12. Sew Sashing Row 7 to the top of Applique Block Row 8. Sew Sashing Row 9 to the bottom of Row 8. (Fig. 5) Press all seams open.
13. Now join all rows matching seams and ends. Press seams between rows open. (Fig. 6)



Fig. 2: Join Rows 1 and 2



Fig. 3: Join Rows 3 and 4



Fig. 4: Join Rows 5 and 6



Fig. 5: Join Rows 7, 8 and 9



Fig. 6: Quilt Center with Sashing

Inner Solid Border

1. Cut 2 dark blue strips 1-1/2" x 42-1/2" for the side borders. Cut 2 dark blue strips 1-1/2" x 34-1/2" for the top and bottom borders.
2. Sew the two side borders to the sides of the quilt matching ends and center points, easing in any fullness. Press seam toward the side borders.
3. Sew the top and bottom borders to the top and bottom of the quilt matching ends and center points, easing in any fullness. Press seam toward the top and bottom borders.

Outer Applique Border

1. Sew the seven Side Border blocks together, end to end. Measure the height of the quilt and adjust the borders to fit if necessary.
2. Pin the side borders to the quilt easing in any fullness. Sew the borders to the quilt. Press the seam toward the dark blue inner border.
3. Sew the four top and four bottom border blocks together end to end.
4. Sew a Corner Block to each end of the top and bottom borders as shown in Fig. 7. Press the seam toward the corner blocks.
5. Sew the top and bottom applique borders to the top and bottom of the quilt matching seams and ends.
6. Press the seam toward the dark inner border.



Fig. 7: Add Applique Borders

Finishing the Quilt

1. Give the quilt top a good pressing with light starch or sizing.
2. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing and baste the layers together.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim the batting and backing even with the quilt top.
5. Cut 6 strips of binding fabric 2-1/4" x WOF (width of fabric).
6. Sew the binding strips together, end to end, using a diagonal seam. Trim fabric 1/4" from the seam. Press to one side.
7. Fold the binding in half lengthwise, wrongs sides together, raw edges even. Press with steam for a crisp permanent fold.
8. Sew binding to the front side of the quilt with a 1/4" seam, leaving an 8" tail.
9. Miter the corners as you sew the binding to the quilt.
10. Stop 12" away from the starting point. Join the ends of the binding using your preferred method.
11. Sew the binding in place.
12. Press the binding to the back of the quilt, mitering the corners on the back. Stitch the binding to the back of the quilt using a blind hand stitch.
13. Add a hanging sleeve and label to complete your quilt.

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