



Sierra Quilt Guild

Block of the Month April 2015

Patty's Peony

This block measures 12" square finished (12 1/2" square unfinished). For the flower use pinks or reds in one print or up to five prints for a scrappy effect. For the leaves and stem use green. The background should be cream or cream with small print in coordinating color.

Cutting:

From pinks or reds:

1 – 4 7/8" square, cut in half diagonally (D)

4 – 2 1/2" squares, same fabric or up to four different fabrics for a scrappy effect (F)

From green:

2 – 2 7/8" squares, cut in half diagonally (G)

1 – 1" x 6 1/2" rectangle; this will be your curved stem

2 – leaves from template. If you are not using fusible applique method, ADD 1/4" seam allowance to template before cutting

From cream or cream with small print in coordinating color:

3 – 2 1/2" squares (A)

2 – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles (B)

1 – 4 1/2" square (C)

1 – 2 7/8" square, cut in half diagonally (E)

2 – 2 1/2" x 9" rectangles

2 – 2 1/2" x 13" rectangles



Assembly:

1. Sew green stem to background C using your preferred method of applique. If using fusible, first trim off 1/2" x 6 1/2" seam allowance on green stem. Place base of stem 1/2" in from left side of C, curving end to meet opposite corner.

2. Sew two green leaves to background C, positioning as shown, using your preferred method of applique. If using fusible, your leaves should be the exact size of template. If not, they should be $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger all around. The tip of the leaf on the right should be pointing about $2\frac{1}{4}$ " up from bottom of square C. The tip of the leaf on the left should be pointing up about 1" in from left of square C.
3. Draw diagonal lines from corner to opposite corner on back of all F units. Sew F unit to background B unit, right sides together, stitching just next to the drawn line on the side closest to the corner of both F and B units. This is also called a "scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam". Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press seam towards F unit. Repeat for remaining three F units to make two flying geese units. Trim each flying geese unit to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
4. Lay out block pieces according to finished block. Sew in the order shown by the illustrations. Press seams to the side of least resistance and trim dog ears. Trim sewn units to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide as necessary after sewing.
5. Almost done...you just need to add the borders. Sew $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9" rectangle to one side of block. Repeat on other side of block. Press seams towards borders. Sew $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13" rectangle to top of block. Repeat on bottom. Press seams towards border. Square up to $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

You're done! Congratulations. Isn't the block beautiful?! Why not make two blocks...one to submit for the BOM drawing, and one to keep? By doing this every month, you will have 12 blocks at the end of the year to piece in to a sampler quilt.

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