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Bursting Into Bloom

Designed & Quilted by Connie Kauffman

This fun quilt couldn't be simpler. Sew wide strips with bright- and bold-colored rectangle bricks to really pack a punch. Add some Funky GO! flowers and say "Yippee!"

Project Specifications

Skill Level: Beginner

Quilt Size: 50" x 68"

Materials

- 1 fat quarter each 7 mottled fabrics, coordinated with bright prints
- ¼ yard each 5 coordinating bright prints
- 1 yard blue/green stripe
- 1⅞ yard dark blue print
- 1¼ yards light green tonal
- Backing 58" x 76"
- Batting 58" x 76"
- Neutral-color all-purpose thread
- Variegated thread
- 2 yards paper-backed fusible web
- Nonstick pressing sheet
- GO! Dies:
 - GO! Rectangle-3½" x 6½"
(3" x 6" Finished) (55005)
 - GO! Funky Flowers (55042)
 - GO! Strip Cutter-2½" (2" Finished)
(55017 or 55014)
- Basic quilting tools and supplies

Tip

If fabric has a stripe or directional print, be sure to lay it straight with the edge of the die blades, not the edge of the die board.

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Die-Cutting Instructions

1. Cut one 7½" by fabric width strip from each of five coordinating bright prints and fan-fold 4½" wide. Using GO! Rectangle-3½" x 6½" (3" x 6" Finished) (55005), die-cut eight 3½" x 6½" rectangles from each strip.
2. Cut one 7½" x 22" width strip from each of seven mottled fat quarters, coordinated with prints, and fan-fold 4½" wide. Die-cut four 3½" x 6½" rectangles from each strip.
3. Cut one 7½" by fabric width strip blue/green stripe and fan-fold 4½" wide. Die-cut eight 3½" x 6½" rectangles.
4. Cut two 8½" by fabric width strip and one 3½" by fabric width strip from blue/green stripe and fan-fold 4½" wide. Using the 2½" strip cutter (55017 or 55014), die-cut seven 2½" by fabric width strips for binding.

Additional Cutting Instructions

1. Cut seven 4½" by fabric width strips dark blue print for K/L borders.
2. Cut six 6½" by fabric width strips light green tonal for J. **Note:** *Optional, use GO! Strip Cutter-6½" (6" Finished) (55086).*
3. Choose eight different 3½" x 6½" rectangles and trim to 3½" x 3½" for I.

Preparing Appliqué

1. Choose a variety of scraps at least 5" x 5" from the coordinating bright prints and mottleds, blue/green stripe and the dark blue. Apply paper-backed fusible web to the back of each piece.
2. **Note:** *Apply fusible web to the wrong side prior to cutting following the manufacturer's instructions.* Using the Funky Flowers AccuQuilt GO! die (55042), individually cut 20 each of the large flowers, small flowers and flower centers from the prepared scrap fabrics in contrasting colors, referring to sample photos.
3. Remove paper backing from small flowers and centers. Arrange contrasting small flowers on large flowers and center contrasting flower centers on small flowers (Figure 1).

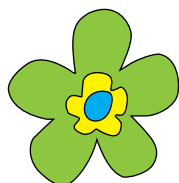


Figure 1



4. Using a nonstick pressing sheet to protect your iron surface, fuse flowers together following manufacturer's instructions. Set flowers aside.

Completing the Quilt

1. Choose a variety of 42-3½" x 6½" rectangles and group into six groups of seven rectangles each.
2. Varying the placement, sew each group of 3½" x 6½" rectangles together on short ends to make six X rows (Figure 2). Press seams in same direction.

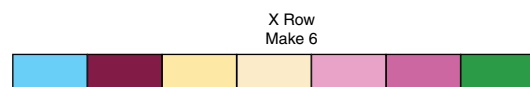


Figure 2

3. Choose a variety of 24-3½" x 6½" rectangles and make four rows of six rectangles each in the same manner as step 2. Sew an I square to both ends of the rows to make four Y rows (Figure 3). Press seams in same direction.

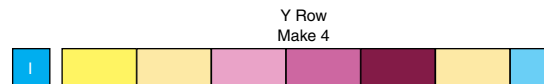


Figure 3

Tip

Use coordinating scraps, fat quarters or smaller yardages to individually cut appliqué shapes.



4. Sew the J strips together on short ends, press seams open. Cut into five J strips 42½" long.

5. Sew an X row to both long edges of a J strip (Figure 4). Press seams toward J.

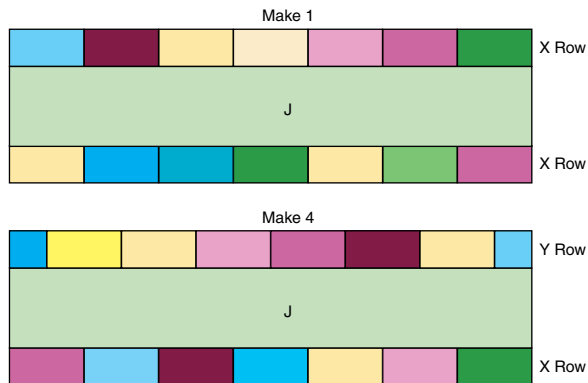
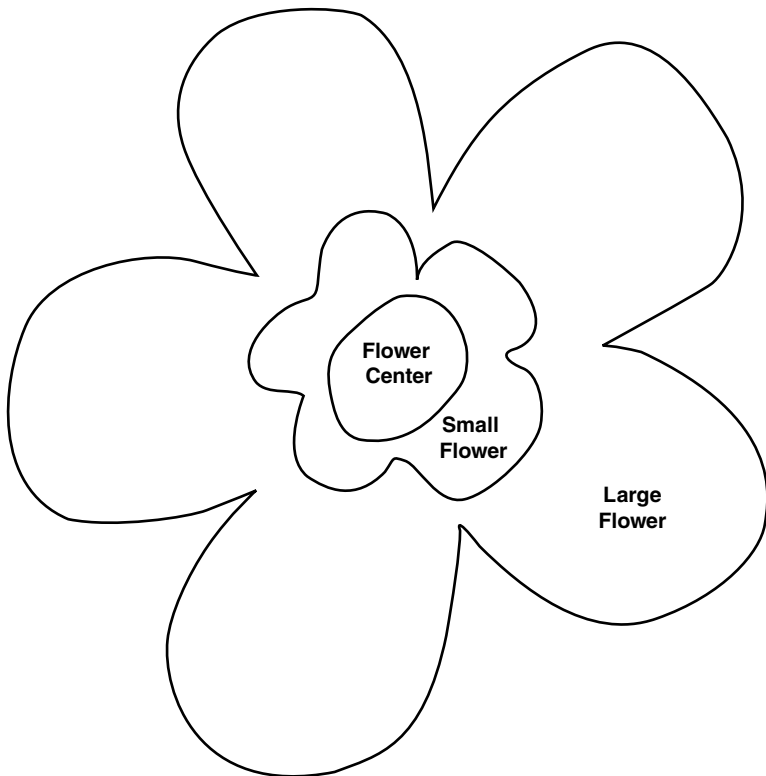


Figure 4

6. Sew a Y row to the top of a J strip and an X row to the bottom. Press seams toward J. Make four Y/J/X rows again referring to Figure 4.

7. Remove the backing from the fused flowers and arrange four different flowers on each J strip referring to Placement Diagram or photo. Vary flower placement, with some flowers overlapping into the 3½" x 6½" rectangles. Fuse flowers in place.



Tip

Sometimes cutting strips in half to make a 20"-long strip is necessary to be able to cut no more than 6 layers of fabric.

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8. Using a buttonhole stitch and coordinating variegated thread, stitch around each large and small flower and flower center.

9. Sew a Y/J/X row to the bottom of the X/J/X row. Add three more Y/J/X rows, referring to Figure 5, to complete the quilt center.

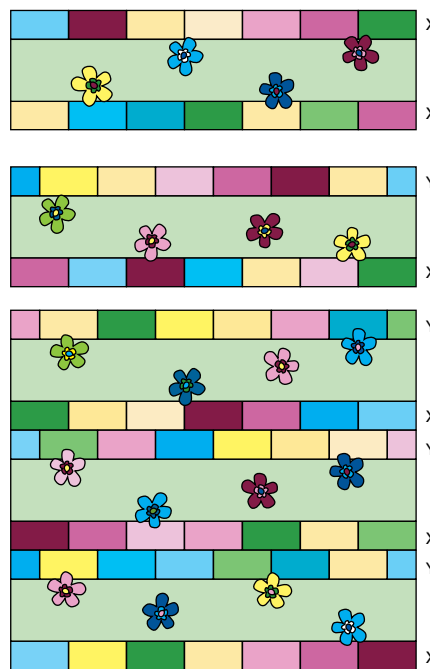


Figure 5

10. Sew the K/L border strips together at short ends, press seams open. Cut into two 42½" K strips and two 68½" L strips.

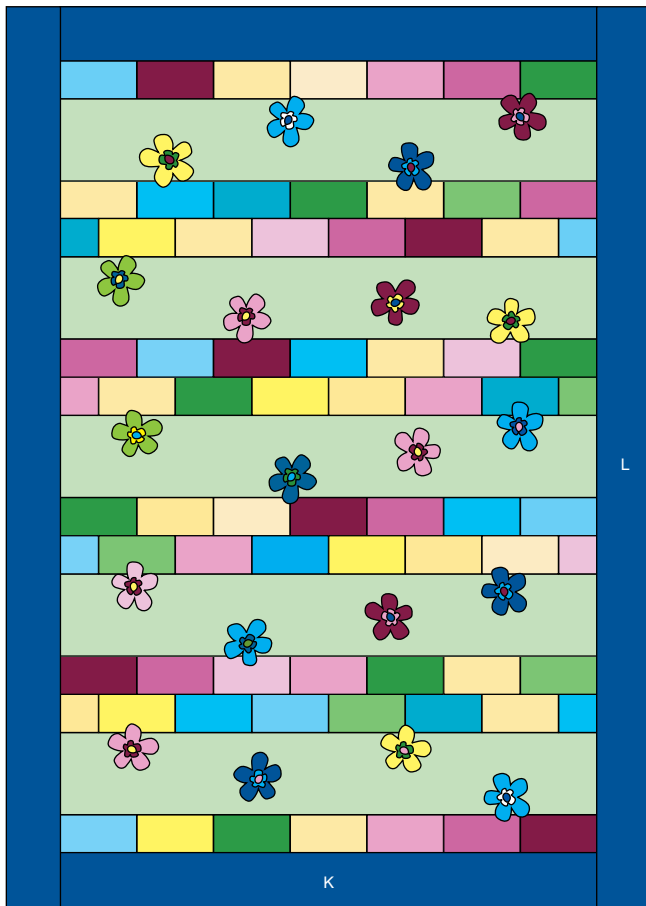
11. Sew K strips to the top and bottom of quilt center and L strips to long sides.

12. Layer and quilt following Finishing Your Quilt on page 6 of General Instructions. **Note:** In this quilt, the designer used variegated thread to quilt a leafy vine pattern around the flowers in the center of the quilt and on the border corners. Remaining borders have crosshatch stitching.

13. Bind using the blue/green stripe 2½" strips. ❖

Tip

For fast appliqué, apply fusible web to fabrics, and then cut shapes with dies. Cut fewer layers if fabric has fusible web applied.



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Placement Diagram 50" x 68"

