

Floral Romance

Designed, made, and quilted by Lisa Quan and Verna Mosquera
Finished size: 54" x 54"

The inspiration for this quilt came from wanting to design something that looks complex but is actually very simple. The subtle rose and green florals in this quilt lend a romantic quality that is enhanced by choosing soft, coordinating prints for the pieced blocks. The detail in the floral blocks adds texture and interest to the pattern. You can use this design to create a different effect by working within one fabric line, combining fabric lines, using all plaids, or using novelty prints for the pieced blocks and then complementing them with a different novelty print in the alternate blocks.

Materials

Yardage (based on 42" fabric, from selvage to selvage)

- Fabric 1: 1/8 yd. each of 28 light to dark assorted prints
- Fabric 2: 2 1/2 yds. large floral
- Fabric 3: 3/8 yd. medium floral
- Fabric 4*: 3/4 yd. red plaid
- Backing: 3 1/2 yds.
- Batting: 2 yds. (60" wide)

*We used the same fabric for the first border and binding. If you want to use a different fabric for the binding, buy 1/2 yd. of Fabric 4 and 3/8 yd. of binding fabric.)

Cutting

(See Quilt Layout Diagram)

Cut all fabric crosswise, from selvage to selvage, unless otherwise instructed.

Pieced Square Block

(Fig. 1)

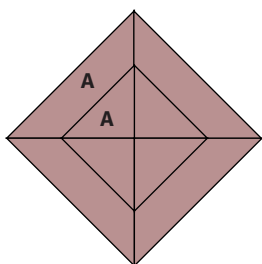


Fig. 1

FABRIC 1

PIECE A: From each of the assorted fabrics, cut one 2" strip the width of the fabric for a total of 28 strips. Then, cut each 2" strip in half.

Alternate Blocks

FABRIC 2

PIECE B: Cut six 5 3/4" strips from the large floral fabric. Then cut these strips into 5 3/4" squares for a total of 36 squares.

Setting and Corner Triangles

FABRIC 3

PIECE C: Cut two 8 3/4" strips. Then cut these strips into six 8 3/4" squares. Cut each square twice on the diagonal (each square yields four triangles) for a total of 24 setting triangles.

PIECE D: Cut two 4 3/4" squares. Cut each square once on the diagonal for a total of four corner triangles.

Borders and Binding

FABRIC 4

PIECE E: Cut six 2" strips.

FABRIC 2

PIECE F: Cut the fabric in half lengthwise to

create a 22" x 54" piece. From the 22" x 54" piece, cut four 4" x 54" strips on the lengthwise grain.

For the binding

From the remaining portion of the 22" x 54" piece (or your alternate binding fabric), cut two 2 1/2" x 54" strips on the lengthwise grain and three 2 1/2" x 45" strips for a total of five binding strips.

Construction

All seams should be 1/4" unless otherwise noted. Sew with right sides together.

Pieced Squares

Finished size: 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"

(See Fig. 1. Make 25 blocks.)

To make each pieced-square block:

1. Sew together two 2" x 22" assorted strips (A) down their longest side, varying colors; press.

2. Make a template from template A on page 73 (see General Instructions page 132). Use this template to cut triangles out of the sewn strips (Fig. 2).