

# Tulip in Bloom

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*I've recently discovered gardening and really love it. It's as joyful and relaxing as quilting and the beautiful blooms are a delightful reward, just like a finished quilt. When I'm not in my studio, you'll find me working in the flowerbeds in the courtyard of our little farm. Tulip in Bloom is inspired by the beautiful sight of my first tulips this spring. ~Nadra*



## What You'll Need

- A: 1 navy print square, 3" × 3"
- B: 2 medium blue print squares, 2¾" × 2¾"
- C: 1 light blue floral square, 3¾" × 3¾"
- D: 2 dark green print rectangles, 1¾" × 3¾"
- E: 1 light green solid square, 2½" × 2½"
- 1 cream print square, 10" × 10"; cut into:
  - F: 1 square, 1½" × 1½"
  - G: 1 rectangle, 2" × 2¾"
  - H: 2 rectangles, 1¾" × 3¾"
  - I: 1 rectangle, 2" × 3¾"
  - J: 1 square, 2½" × 2½"
  - K: 1 square, 3" × 3"

## Assembly

Press all seam allowances in the direction indicated by the arrows.

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the K square. Referring to "Triangle Squares" on page 137, place the K square on the A square with right sides together. Sew, cut, and press to make two half-square-triangle units. Trim the units to measure 2" square.



Make 2.

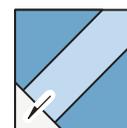
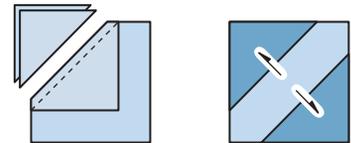
2. Sew the G rectangle to one half-square-triangle unit to make a unit that measures 2" × 3¾". Sew the I rectangle to the remaining half-square-triangle unit to make a unit that measures 2" × 5¼". Be sure to orient the half-square-triangle units as shown.



Make 1 of each.

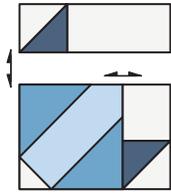
3. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the B and F squares.

4. Referring to "Stitch and Flip" on page 137, place a B square on one corner of the C square. Sew, trim, and press. Place a B square on the opposite corner of the C square. Sew, trim, and press. Place the F square on the lower-left corner of the C square as shown. Sew, trim, and press to complete the block center.



Make 1.

5. Join the units from step 2 and the block center as shown. The tulip unit should measure  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square.



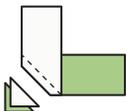
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6. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the J square. Referring to "Triangle Squares," place the J square on the E square with right sides together. Sew, cut, and press to make two half-square-triangle units. Trim the units to measure  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square. Discard or set aside one unit for another project.



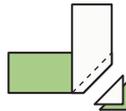
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7. On the wrong side of one H rectangle, measure  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " from the lower-left corner and mark a dot. Draw a line from the dot to the lower-right corner. Place the H rectangle on a D rectangle, right sides together. Using the stitch-and-flip method, sew, trim, and press. The leaf unit should measure  $1\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times$   $5\frac{1}{4}$ ".



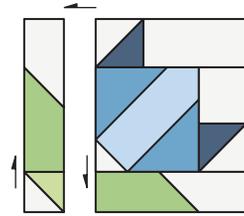
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8. On the wrong side of the remaining H rectangle, measure up  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " from the lower-right corner and mark a dot. Draw a line from the dot to the lower-left corner. Place the H rectangle on a D rectangle, right sides together. Sew, trim, and press. The reversed leaf unit should measure  $1\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times$   $5\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Make 1 unit.

9. Arrange and sew the pieced units in rows as shown. Press. Sew the rows together to make a  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " block. Press.



### ALTERNATE COLORWAY

