

Cactus Rose

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cactus Rose quilt was originally designed in 2005 around an antique applique pattern known as the Whig Rose. It has become a staple of the Quiltworx.com pattern lineup and was redesigned in 2013 to take advantage of new design techniques such as template layout sheets, updated organization processes, and a more user-friendly yardage chart.

This pattern will teach you the techniques you will need to successfully complete the foundation paper piecing, curved piecing, traditional piecing, and applique necessary to make the cover quilt.

Foundation Papers: Our foundation papers are printed on newsprint. Newsprint is lightweight and tears away from your stitches without damaging the threads. This pattern includes the following pages of newsprint, which includes enough foundation papers to **complete one 70" by 70" quilt sample**.

Inventory #	Unit Names	Quantity
NP 187	Units P, PDS & PDA	8 Pages
NP 188	Unit PDA & Unit PDB	3 Pages
NP 221	Unit E (Right and Left)	4 Pages
TP 80	Templates	2 Pages
TP 81	Templates	2 Pages

Corrections: If corrections are needed for this pattern after publication, they will be listed on my webpage at <http://www.quiltworx.com> under the Cactus Rose 2013 Pattern on the right column of the Pattern page. If you do not see any corrections, this means we have not had to make any and your pattern should be up-to-date! If you run across something you think may be an error, please let us know and we will either post a correction, or clarify the issue for you. If you don't have enough papers, please email us at info@quiltworx.com and we will assist you in getting the right pieces.



General Supply List: Steam iron, ironing board, medium size cutting board, 6" by 24" ruler, small scissors, rotary cutter, seam ripper, template plastic, and a sewing machine with a quarter-inch foot.

Paper Piecing Supply List: 12" and 18" *Add-A-Quarter* ruler, Scotch tape, fabric glue pen, fabric glue stic, flower pins, Purple Thang, Microtex Sharps (size 70 sewing needles), and a high-quality sewing thread. Other handy tools used to keep your templates and fabrics organized are large plastic bags, small binder clips, and large paper clips.

Applique Supply List: (4) Cactus Flower Quiltworx Impressions Stabilizer packages or (2) 8-1/2" x 11" packs of Stitch-N-Peel, Fabric Glue Pen, Fabric Glue Stick, Schmetz Sewing Needles (60/8) (Sharps Microtex), 'Roxanne' Glue-Baste-it, Purple Thang, Size 100 wt Silk Applique Thread. If you cannot find supplies in your local quilt shop, visit the Notions: Applique page at Quiltworx.com. We sell all but the thread.

DEFINITION OF COMMON TERMS AND TOOLS

Purple Thang: A small plastic tool used like a stiletto that does not poke through the fabric. The Purple Thang is used to help work the fabric between the presser foot and feed dogs when sewing over several seams.

Add-A-Quarter: A small ruler with a quarter-inch lip on the bottom side used to trim the quarter-inch seams for foundation paper piecing. These rulers come in three sizes. 6" 12" and 18" lengths. For these instructions I would recommend the 12" and 18" ruler.

Washout Fabric Glue Stic: I use a water soluble fabric glue stic (Uhu is a good brand name) to adhere the first piece of fabric to the backside of the foundation paper.

Washout Fabric Glue Pen: I use a water soluble fabric glue pen to hold the stacked seams together when joining the blocks.

Flower Pins: Flower pins are a long pin with a flat flower glued to the end of each pin. The flower is flat so the paper can easily be folded back over the pin and still lay flat.

Fold Template: A flat piece of template plastic used as a straight edge while folding back the foundation papers just before trimming with the Add-A-Quarter ruler. A 3" by 12" piece of template plastic should be cut to use with the 12" ruler. A 3" by 18" piece should be cut for the 18" ruler.

Sewing Lines on the Foundation Papers: The sewing lines on the foundation papers are the dark solid lines separating each section. The lines are marked in chronological order starting with Line 1, 2, 3 and etc.

Dashed Lines: These lines are reference lines marking the edge of your 1/4" seam allowance. Do not sew on these lines. The dashed lines can be used to help you locate the actual shape and size of each section on the backside of the paper.

SEWING FABRIC PIECES ON THE FOUNDATION PAPER

When sewing the fabrics to the foundation paper, each fabric piece must cover the underside area plus the extended seam allowance for each section you are sewing. The dashed lines can be used to locate this area before adding your fabrics. This can be done three different ways and each technique works.

1. Fold and crease the papers on the dashed line before adding the next piece of fabric. After creasing the dashed lines, flip the paper over to find each section on the backside of the paper.
2. Trace the dashed lines on the backside of the foundation paper. This can be done by using a light-table or by placing the paper up to a window. Tracing works best when you are working on large foundation units.
3. Some people hold the paper up to a light-source to see if the fabric has been properly placed under the section they are sewing.