

GENERAL FABRIC INFORMATION

Fabric Width: The yardage amounts and cutting instructions were calculated to use 42" wide fabrics. If the fabrics are not 42" wide, you might want to recalculate the yardage before you begin cutting.

Cutting Errors: If cutting mistakes are made when cutting your fabrics, it may require you to purchase additional yardage. If paper supplies are needed to correct an error, please contact Quiltworx and we will try and help you replace what you need. You will be liable to cover the cost of replacing the paper and shipping, if required.

Fabric Swatches: Fabric swatches will be helpful when making these petals to keep you organized. So, before you get started, cut a couple of small pieces off of each of your fabrics that you can paste onto the foundation papers and in your swatch boxes in your pattern so you always know which fabric you should be working with. Remember, hatching on your foundation papers does not denote the use of light medium and dark fabrics. In these instructions some of our background sections are covered with light fabric, others are covered with dark fabrics.

FABRIC AVAILABILITY

The samples created for the coversheet were made from both a Cotton and a Batik collection called Wildflowers (Cotton) and Petals (Batik), designed by Judy & Judel Niemeyer with Timeless Treasures in 2015 and 2016. Collections come and go over the years. The current collection is still available at publication, which is Spring of 2016. Although collections could be very hard to find in the future, there are many other great collections available to work with. Use Quiltster to find fabrics that are perfect for you!

UNIT CHARTS FOR COLOR PLANNING

Unit Charts: In your cutting instructions, which are organized by unit, you will find a small Fabric Chart. This chart, referred to as a Unit Chart, can be very helpful if you know how to read it.

The Unit Chart provides you with the Fabric #, estimated yardage rounded up to the nearest 1/8th yard, and the actual calculated inches needed to cut the fabric pieces. A Swatch Box has been provided in the last column of each chart. A fabric swatch pasted into this slot can be a helpful reference when cutting your fabrics.

Below each Unit Chart you will find graphics for the Foundation Papers labeled with the Fabric #s for a visual reference as to where the fabrics in the tables go on each unit.

Cutting Instructions: The Cutting Instructions for Group A have been divided by units.

- *Group A: Includes Unit C and D*

Fabric Numbers: The first letter in each fabric number is relative to the Group letter noted above. Sometime we assign more than one fabric to the same fabric number, in which case small letters are used to reference these additional colors.

Example: Group A, Fabric A1:[a,b,c, d, e, & f].

Repeating Fabrics or Changing the Colorway: We have written these instructions so that you can make (4) placemats, with (2) sets of (2) identical placemats as this makes the best

use of fabric, whether you cut the fabrics from yardage or fat quarters. If you choose to make all (4) a different color, or make all (4) the same color, we recommend you review the Unit Charts before you start. Pay attention to the minimum strip size and also the number of inches you should cut. If you are going to repeat fabrics, start by identifying where you might want to repeat your fabrics in the pattern from one Unit Chart to the next. Then, you have two options. One is to add up the yardage listed next to each fabric number you have identified and use this to determine the yardage you need (generally gives you considerably more fabric). The other is to add up the total number of inches for each location and round up to the nearest 1/8th of a yard (generally more efficient). You may also want to break a unit into more fabrics. We may have recommended 1 fabric and you actually want to use two different fabrics in the same place. You may need to cut extra strips to accommodate this. An example where this is the case is shown below. You may want to play with the Unit Chart a bit to decide the best way to conserve yardage on this pattern before you purchase fabric! While more efficient yardage is easier on your pocket book, extra yardage is always a good idea because cutting mistakes are as much a part of quilting as picking out stitches! Rounding up may make you happier!

Example for Repeating/Changing the Colors: Fabrics A3:a, and A3:b are cut from the same fabric in the pattern. Per the cutting instructions, (1) 10-1/4" x 42" strip yields enough spikes for all (4) flowers. We rounded the yardage up to 3/8th of a yard.

- *10-1/4" (rounded to nearest 1/8th) = 3/8 Yard*

If you've decided, however, to make the star accents from different fabrics, you will need a 10-1/4" strip from (2) different fabrics, which will increase your yardage. In this case, you would reference the Unit Chart for Unit C and cut (1) 10-1/2" strip from each color. For the same section across all (4) flowers, you will now need:

- *Rounded up Yardage = 3/8 Yard x 2 fabrics = 3/4 Yard*

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Cutting Your Fabric: Read the information printed on each Template Layout Sheet before you begin cutting your fabrics.

Note the following:

1. *There are Cut Lines on each Template Layout Sheet referred to as Cut Lines 1, 2, 3, etc. The Template Layout Sheets ARE NOT sub-cut on these lines until AFTER they have been laid on top of the respective pieces of fabric.*
2. *The excess fabric around each template is not cut off until after the fabric pieces are sewn to the Foundation Papers. This is done with the Add-A-Quarter Ruler during paper piecing.*
3. *Large paper clips can be used to hold the Template Layout Sheet on by placing a paper clip on each section around the edge of the layout sheet before cutting it apart. This keeps the templates and fabrics together for each section after they are cut.*
4. *The Cutting Instruction Graphics show how many Templates or Template Layout Sheets can be cut from each strip, the instructions tell you the total pieces you will need to cut. There is not a Template or Template Layout Sheet for each piece you cut. There are enough cutting templates included to layer up to (12) pieces of fabric beneath each template before cutting.*