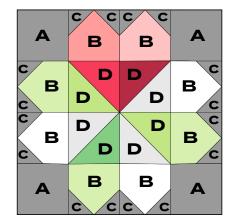


## **BLOOMING LOVE** BY ROBIN PICKENS

This block is born from parts of my "Full Bloom" block I did for the 18" block "I can do that". The stitch-n-flip block sides that surround the center are from my "Picket" quilt.

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

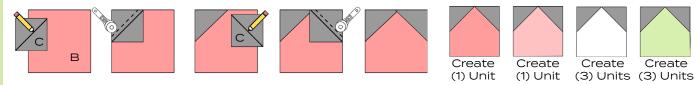
(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)



	4" Block	6" Block	8" Block	12" Block
A:	(4)1½" squares	(4) 2" squares	(4) 2 ½" squares	(4) 3 ½" squares
B:	(8) 1 ½" squares	(8) 2" squares	(8) 2 ½" squares	(8) 3 ½" squares
C:	(16) 1" squares	(16) 1 ¼" squares	(16) 1 ½" squares	(16) 2" squares
D:	(4) 1 7/8" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles.	(4) 2 ¾" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles.	(4) 2 %" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles.	(4) 3 %" squares; cut each square once diagonally to make (8) D triangles.
	( <b>Please note</b> : to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)	( <b>Please note</b> : to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 2 %" squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)	( <b>Please note</b> : to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 2 %" squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)	( <b>Please note</b> : to make color placement match the block image, cut (6) 3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " squares for (12) D triangles. Some triangles will be unused.)

## Assembly instructions:

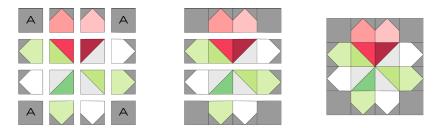
- 1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of (16) C squares as shown.
- 2. Place (1) C square onto the corner of (1) B square, right sides together and edges aligned. Stitch along the drawn diagonal line.
- 3. Trim outermost excess fabric to  $\ensuremath{^{1\!/}_4}\xspace$  and press toward the corner.
- 4. Repeat on (8) B squares as shown.
- 5. Trim stitch and flip units using the following guide:
  - a. 4" Block: 1 1/2" unfinished (1" finished)
  - b. 6" Block: 2" unfinished (1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished)
  - c. 8" Block: 2 ½" unfinished (2" finished)
  - d. 12" Block: 3 1/2" unfinished (3" finished)



6. Begin HST unit assembly using all D triangles and the color guide shown below. Sew the longest edges of the triangles together using a ¼" seam. Press toward the dark fabric.

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- 7. Repeat to create (4) HST units.
- 8. Trim HST units using the following guide:
  - a. 4" Block:  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished (1" finished)
  - b. 6" Block: 2" unfinished (1 ½" finished)
  - c. 8" Block: 2 1/2" unfinished (2" finished)
  - d. 12" Block: 3 1/2" unfinished (3" finished)
- 9. Using HST units, stitch and flip units and (4) A squares, complete the block as shown in the diagram. Sew units together in rows first, alternating the direction in which you press the seams in each row.
- 10. Sew rows together to complete the block.



## designer info

Tips: By bringing the shapes together and uniting them with HST blocks in the center, the block can play as a flower bloom with petals, or a clover. Using the color play of accentuating a side in reds/pinks brings out the heart in this bloom for LOVE!

Also, when I am making stitch-and-flip blocks I like to sew an additional line 1/2" away from my drawn and sewn corner lines. When I trim my corners off (1/4" from my drawn/sewn line) then I am left with smaller HST I can use on other projects.



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