

The Final Blocks~ Dragonflies & Stars



White or Cream background fabric

1930's fabric red, orange, yellow, blue, lavender and pink (or colors of your choice)

Scrap fabrics in the following colors: green, purple, blue, and pink Heat n bond lite

Dark brown thread for appliqué (or colors of your choice)

Scant ¼" seam throughout unless noted.

Block with seam allowance will measure 12 ½" square.

~Let's start with the Dragonfly block~ (Make 1)



Cut $1 - 6 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle Cut $8 - 3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

From each 1930" s fabric:

Cut $1 - 3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of each fabric (blue, yellow, orange, red)

Or colors of your choice

• Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 3 ½" x 3 ½" square.



• With right sides together, align one marked square with one edge of the 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle as shown. Stitch on the diagonal line.



• Trim ¼" beyond the stitching line. Press.



• With right sides together, align one marked square on the other end of the 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle. Stitch on the diagonal line.



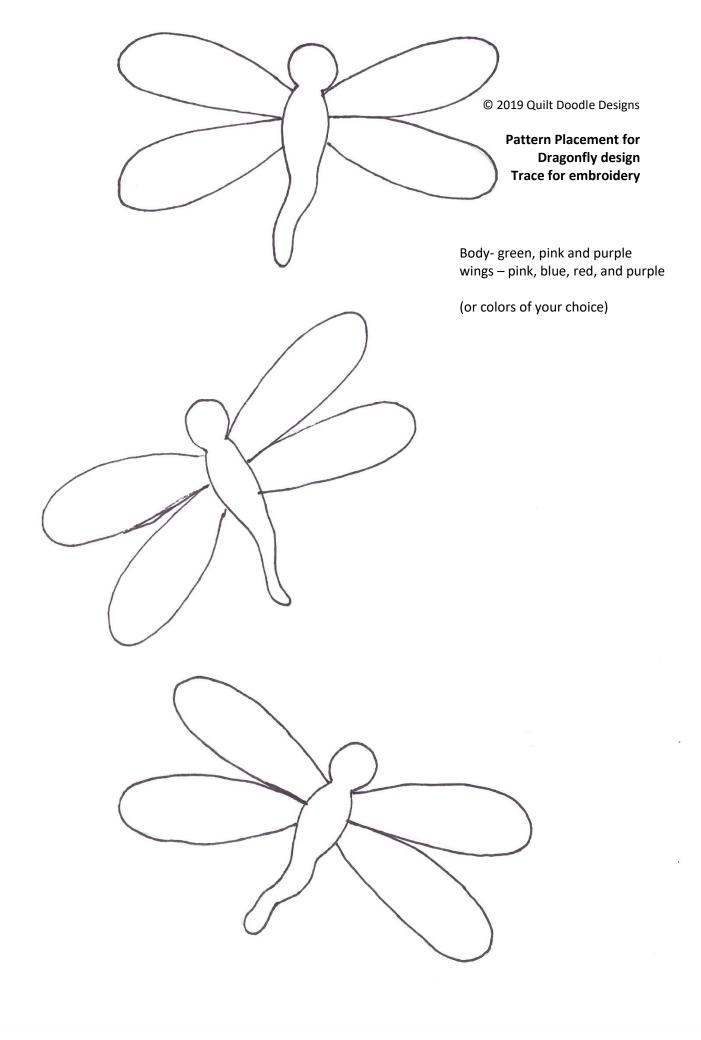
• Trim $\frac{1}{2}$ " beyond the stitching line. Press. One flying geese unit done. Repeat with the remaining 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for a total of 4 flying geese rectangles are done.



- Stitch the four rectangles together. This should measure 12 ½" x 6 ½"
- Then with right sides together stitch the cream 6 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle to the flying geese rectangle sewing along the long side. Press. Finished block measurements 12 ½" x 12 ½" Make 1.

Dragonfly Applique Design: Following the instructions provided by the fusible web manufacturer, trace 1 set of the design pieces grouping together pieces that will be using the same fabric. Cut pieces out. Follow the pattern placement sheet, center on cream/white section on the block following the picture and pattern placement sheet. Iron in place. Using a blanket, zig zag or satin stitch on your sewing machine; sew along the edges of all the pieces. Following the design picture. Practice on some scrap material if you are new to machine appliqué. If you prefer hand stitching, you can do a blanket stitch using pearl cotton.

Embroidered blocks: If you prefer to embroider all your blocks instead of applique. Trace the design onto the cream/white triangle section using the pattern placement sheet. Embroider using pearl cotton in colors of your choice using a backstitch, French knots and other stitches that you prefer.



Star Block

Let's begin and make the Scrappy Flowers Block! Scant ¼" seam throughout unless noted. Block with seam allowance will measure 12 ½" square.

From Cream Background fabric:

Cut 16 - 2" x 2" squares (A)

Cut 16 – 2" x 3 ½" rectangles (B)

From four different color fabric (sample is 2 pinks and 2 purples) From each fabric cut:

Cut 8 – 2" x 2" squares (C)

Cut $1 - 3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares (D)

• Draw a diagonal line on the back of C, 2" x 2" squares.



• With cream rectangle B, with right sides together, align one marked 2" C square with one corner edge of the rectangle as shown. (Diagram 1) Sew from corner to corner. Trim away excess fabric. Press.



(Diagram 1)

• Repeat on the opposite end of the rectangle. (Diagram 2)

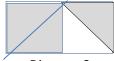


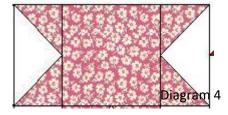


Diagram 2

- Trim away excess fabric. Press. You now have a triangle rectangle section. Repeat with remaining B, 2" x 3 ½" rectangles. 16 total.
- Sew a 2" x 2" A cream square to each end of 6 triangle rectangle sections. Press. (Diagram 3)



• Sew a triangle rectangle section to each side of the 3 ½" x 3 ½" C square. Press. (Diagram 4)



- Sew the triangle square strips to the center strip to form a 6 ½" star block. Make four total.
- Sew the four star blocks together to form the Star block as shown below.
 (Diagram 5)

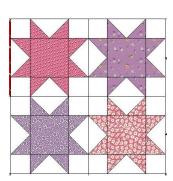


Diagram 5

Finishing Garden Sunshine Quilt Instructions

- Following the quilt layout diagram, sew the blocks together to form the quilt top.
- From border fabric cut:

7-4½" strips x WOF

Quilt Border: To make a pieced border, sew the 7- 4 ½" strips together end to end.

Then cut:

 $2-60 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips for the sides of the quilt

 $2-56 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips for the top and bottom of the quilt

Sew the side borders onto each side of quilt top. Iron. Sew the top and bottom border strips to the quilt top. Iron.

Layer quilt top, batting and backing and quilt as desired.

Binding: Cut 7 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips x WOF. Join the strips end to end to create a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strip long enough to go around the outside edge of the quilt. Fold in half lengthwise wrong sides together, iron. Sew onto the quilt front with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam, miter the corners. Fold binding around the outer edge of the quilt and stitch to the back of the quilt using a blind stitch with matching thread.

Garden Sunshine Quilt Layout

