

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD - BOM



The May Block of the Month presentation is May Flowers. Guild members expressed an interest in the BOM Survey for an applique block, so here we go!

The inspiration for this block came from a pattern seen on Instagram called Bloom Quilt by Treehouse Textiles. Many of us are eagerly awaiting planting our flower and veggie gardens, but we still have weeks before our last frost date, so let's sew some flowers!

The block consists of 4 petals and a No-Sew Hexagon as the center, of course you can applique any shape you'd like as the center. This flower petals will be raw-edged appliqued.

FABRICS NEEDED FOR 1 BLOCK

- (1) 10" square Low Volume background
- (1) 9" square fabric of your choice for the 4 flower petals.
- (1) 4" circle for the No-Sew Hexagon

Stabilizer of your choice for the 4 petals and back of completed hexi

INSTRUCTIONS

- Prepare the 9" flower fabric with stabilizer of your choice.
- Using template for flower petal, draw petal shape on the back of fabric. Trim the 4 petals
- Take the 10" background fabric and fold in half vertically and horizontally giving a 4 square area for placing your petals.

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- Depending on your applique stitch, iron your petals to the background fabric with pointed end of petal approximately 1/8"-1/4" from center and folded lines (see example block)
- Sew around the raw edge of the flower petals using an applique stitch of your choice. I suggest making a sample piece first and try different stitches to find your favorite. Common stitches used are zigzag and blind stitch.
- Make a No-Sew Hexagon (links to tutorials provided at end of instructions).
- Adhere some stabilizer to the finished hexagon back, iron to center of flower and applique to center of flower.

SUGGESTIONS FOR APPLIQUE TECHNIQUE AND LINKS TO TUTORIALS

- 1) Use an open toe foot, if available. Set your needle stop down.
- 2) To begin applique stitch, pull the bobbin thread to front of fabric by lowering and raising your needle. Pull bobbin thread through to front and make certain to keep threads out of the way while sewing. After completing the appliqued portion, take a sewing needle, thread the 2 strands and pull to back of fabric. Tie all threads together in a knot.
- 3) Applique Tutorial by Quilting Daily
https://youtu.be/jbXOD9EYJE8?si=U_oMHamkJvDO-W0S
- 4) No Sew Hexagon Tutorial
<https://youtu.be/AyAGAcjg6FI?si=VCsSc1KEzLhXHujl>

Templates are attached but will need to be hand-drawn as they do not copy to size. The hexi is an approximate simple 4" circle (I used a top of

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a mixed nut can!). The petal is approximately $3\frac{1}{4}$ " flat top and 4" from top to point. If you have a curved ruler, you may use curve to draw to point or simply hand draw arc to center point.

