

BPQ Block of the Month March 2019 Tulips

This month we will each make two tulip blocks, each 6-1/2 x 12-1/2"

Note: Instructions can be found in great detail at:

<https://centerstreetquilts.wordpress.com/2017/06/12/tulip-quilt-block-tutorial/>

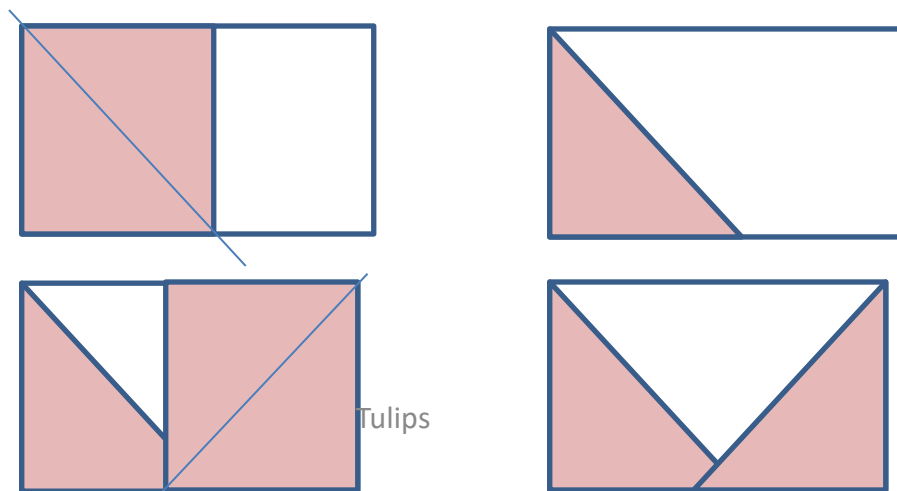
Fabrics

For each double block you will need

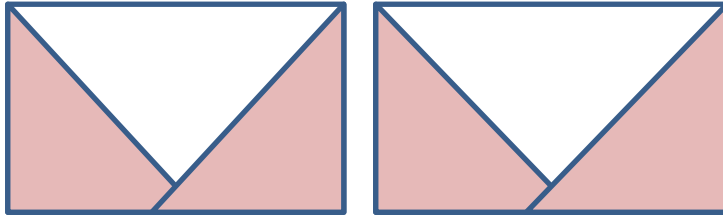
- From Bedrock Cloud (**BC** background)
 - four 2" x 3-1/2" rectangles
 - four 2-1/2" x 3" rectangles
 - twelve 2-1/4" x 2-1/4" squares
- For each tulip (**T**) NOTE" you can use the same color for both or two different colors
 - four 2" x 2" squares
 - one 5" x 6-1/2" rectangle
- From a green (**G**) for stem and leaves of both tulips
 - two 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles
 - four 3" x 4-1/2" rectangle

First, construct the flower part.

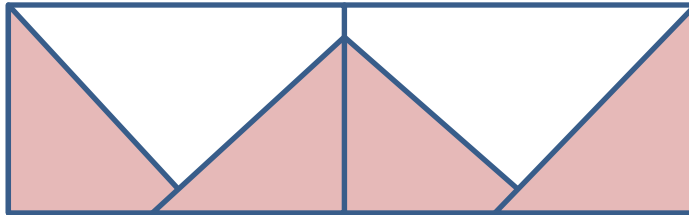
- Take the four tulip 2"x2" squares and the two 2" x 3-1/2" BC rectangles. We'll be using these to make two flying geese units for the top of the tulip.
- First, mark a line corner to corner on the wrong side of each of the 2" tulip squares. Place one tulip square on top of one of the BC rectangles, right sides together, lining up the tulip square along the short edge of the rectangle. Sew on the diagonal line, and then cut away the excess fabric 1/4" from the sewn line. Open and press (you can press toward the dark or press the seam open).
- Repeat with the other side of the rectangle. You now have one flying geese unit.



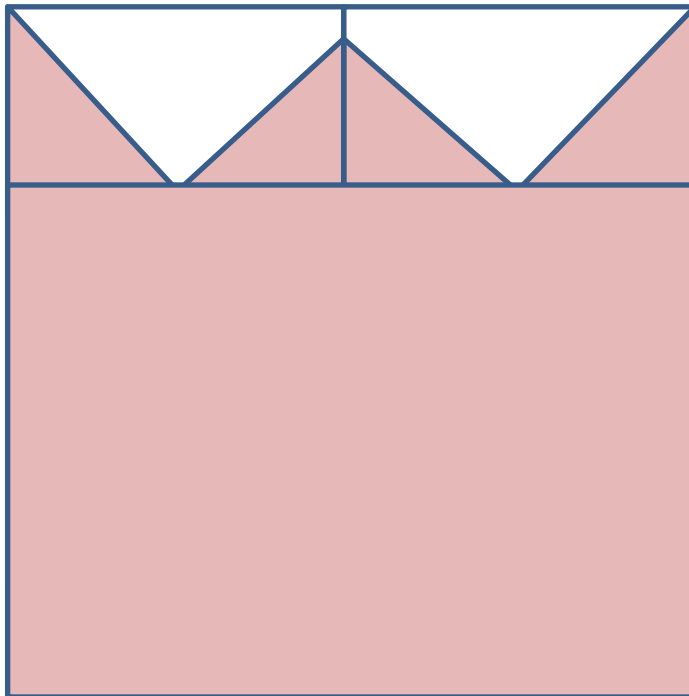
- Repeat the steps above to make a second flying geese unit, same color.



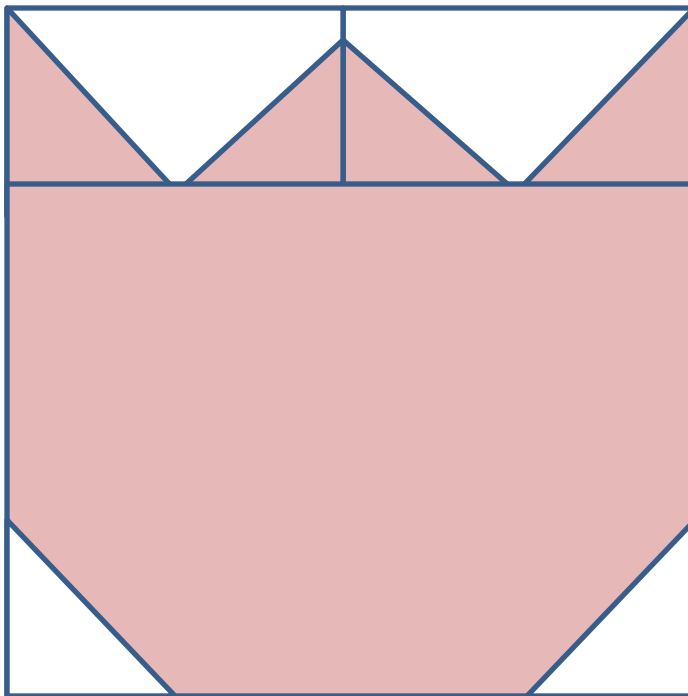
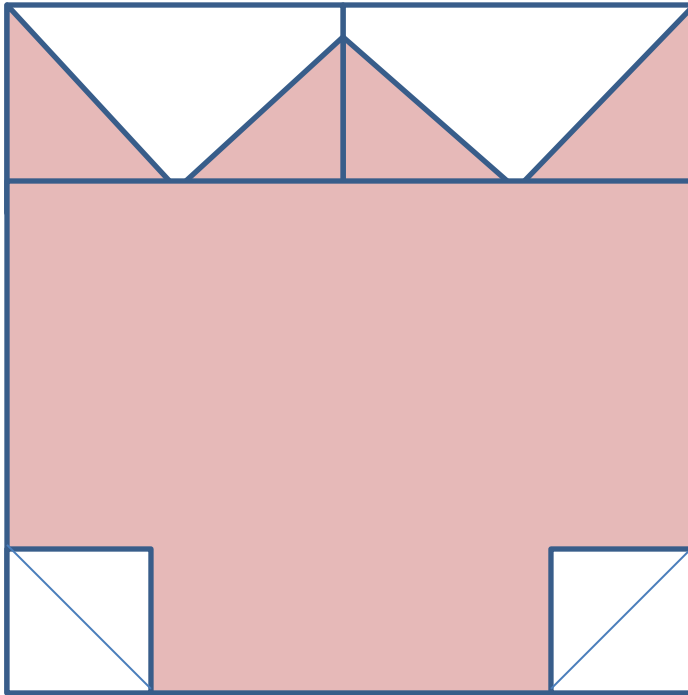
- Sew the two flying geese units together along a short side. Press the seam open. This should now measure 2" x 6-1/2".



- Sew the double flying geese unit to the top 6-1/2" side of the large tulip rectangle. (Note: the points should not be chopped off, although it looks like it in the diagram.)



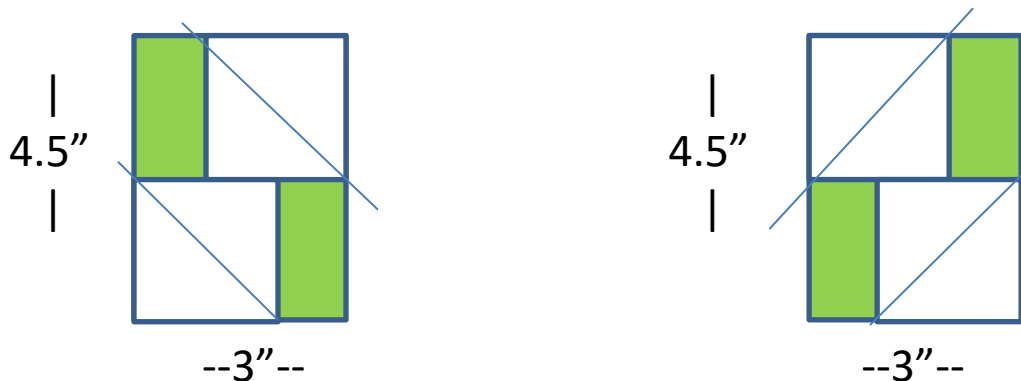
- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of two of the 2-1/4" BR squares.
- Place one of these BR squares at each bottom corner of the tulip. Sew on the drawn line.
- Trim seam to 1/4" and press toward the tulip.



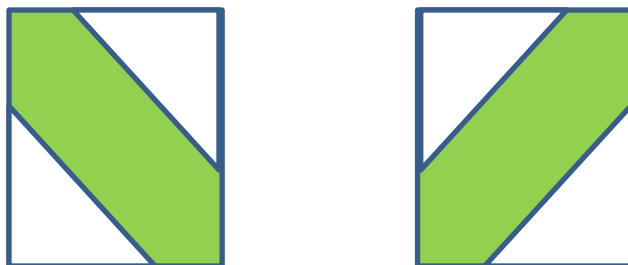
Stem and leaves:

- Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of four more of the 2-1/4" BR squares.
- Sew the BR squares to the corners of the green 3" x 4-1/2" rectangles as shown.

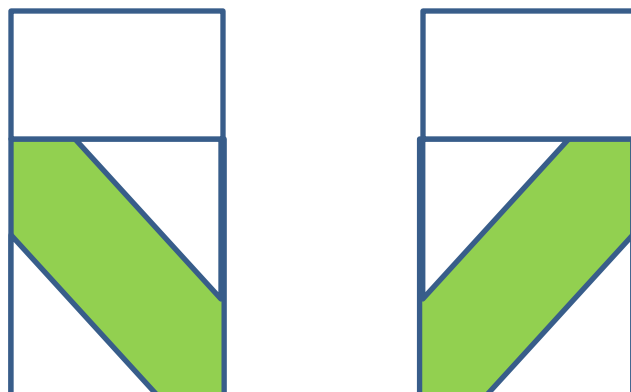
Be careful here to follow the diagram!



Trim the excess fabric and press the seams open.



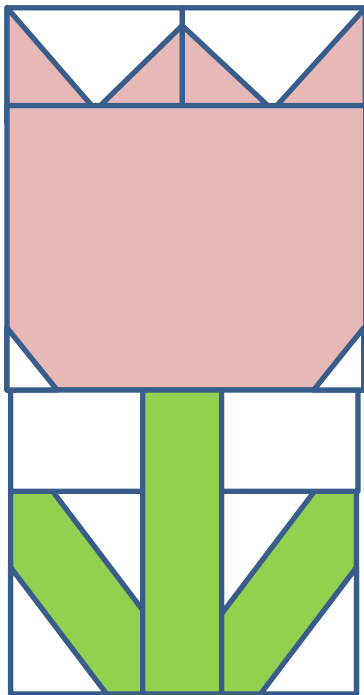
Sew a BR 2-1/2"x3" rectangle to the top of each of the leaf units. They should be sewn with the 3" side horizontal along the leaf units' 3" side.



Sew the leaf units to the stem (1-1/2"x 6-1/2" green). Press seams open.



Now sew the stem and leaves unit to the tulip unit. Your tulip block is now complete and should measure 6-1/2 x 12-1/2".



Now that you're an expert you can make another one, same tulip color or different.