

June 2013 Lotto Block: Spring Flowers

Let's make some flowers for our long anticipated Spring! I am writing directions for a multi-colored flower, progressing from dark red, to medium orange, to light yellow. You can be creative and choose any colors you like, but please use a green for the leaf as the base.

From neutral background, cut (1) 3 ½ " square, and (8) 2" squares. Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the 2" squares.

From green, cut a 2" x 8" and a 2" x 9 ½" strip. From red, cut a 2" x 6 ½" and a 2" x 8" strip. From orange, cut a 2" x 5" and a 2" x 6 ½" strip. From yellow, cut a 2" x 3 ½" and a 2" x 5" strip.

Lay the shorter strips of each color to your left side and place a 2" square on the left side of each strip. Stitch on the diagonal line, from upper left to lower right. Lay the longer strips of each color to your right side and place a 2" square on the right side of each strip. Stitch from upper right to lower left. Trim off a small triangle, ¼" away from the stitching line and press. Now start assembling the block, sewing the shorter yellow strip to the bottom of the background square. Press seam toward background square. Sew the longer yellow strip to the right side of this unit, and press toward the background square. Keep sewing on the strips, alternating from bottom to right side to complete the block.

