

ROW QUILT - OCTOBER 2017

FLOWER CHAIN

This row consists of 10 flower blocks joined together.

A note on pressing for this row: Press toward the darker fabric. This might mean some of your seams will not nest so if there is too much bulk in the center of your flowers, you can re-press in the opposite direction.

Cut fabrics:

80 - 1 1/2" squares of your background (B) fabric

40 - 2 1/2" squares of scrap (S) fabric for petals ... each block uses 4 petal pieces so make sure you cut 4 petal pieces from the same fabric for each block ... pretty if every flower is made from a different S fabric!

40 - 1" squares of flower center (C) fabric ... don't use your background fabric or your flowers will look like they have holes in the middle instead of flower centers. Same as with the petals, make sure you cut 4 center pieces from the same fabric for each block. Make all your centers the same or vary them, whichever you like.

Make the blocks:

TIP - chain piecing, trimming and pressing will make this go a lot faster

Lightly pencil a line diagonally (corner to corner) across the back side of all 80 B and all 40 C squares - OR - fold each square diagonally wrong sides together and press a diagonal crease into the square, re-open the pieces.

See Diagram #1. Place a B square on a corner of an S square, right sides together. Stitch on the drawn (or folded) line. Trim 1/4" outside the seam line and press open. Repeat on another corner as shown in Diagram #2. Now you should have 40 pieces that look like little houses, each measuring 2 1/2" square.

See Diagram #3. Place a C square on the shown corner of a "little house", right sides together, and stitch on the drawn (or folded) line. Trim 1/4" outside the seam line and press open. Now you should have 40 pieces that look like little houses with a storm cellar door in one corner (Diagram #4) and each piece still measures 2 1/2" square.

Now stitch your flower blocks (Diagram #5) together in a 4-patch as shown. Each flower block measures 4 1/2" square.

Stitch your flower blocks together in a row. The row will measure 40 1/2" x 4 1/2" including unfinished edges.

