

My Quilt Village presents:

Village Garden
Block Four
“Sandy’s Flower”

“Village Garden” has 4 funky flowers set among the pieced blocks. We have chosen a fusible appliqué method for our flower blocks, and have added dimension by satin stitching a frame around each flower. This creates the illusion that the flowers are peeking out of a window.

1. The flower appliqué shapes need to be reversed for the fusible method. In order to reverse the design, place the pattern face down on a bright window or light box. Trace the outline of the appliqué on the wrong side of the paper. Trace this reversed shape onto the paper side of a fusible web product such as Wonder Under. You will need to trace each shape separately.
2. Cut around each shape, leaving ¼” or so around the edge of the paper appliqué shape. Do not cut on the lines.
3. Fuse the traced shapes onto the wrong side of your appliqué fabrics. Cut out shapes on the lines, and peel away paper.
4. Cut a 10” square from your background fabric.
5. Draw a frame 2” from the sides of the background square using a light pencil stroke.
6. Center and arrange flower on background square and fuse, noting that the leaves will extend beyond the drawn line.
7. Using a contrasting thread, satin stitch over the drawn square. Satin stitch the frame a second time, to achieve a more uniform look. Tip: Start and stop satin stitching just under the leaves to avoid a “lump” under your leaves. The satin stitch should be about 1/8” wide. We chose a different contrasting thread for each of the four flower blocks. You may need to use a stabilizer behind your background square to avoid puckers.
8. Satin stitch or blanket stitch around the flowers using matching thread.
9. Trim your square to 9 ½”.
10. You will use this method for each of the four appliqué blocks.