

Block 1- Foundation Piecing

This technique consists of sewing pieces of fabric on to a paper or a muslin foundation to form a quilt block. Using the foundation piecing technique to piece blocks, allows a quilter to construct complicated patterns easily and accurately and is a very good way to use up small scraps of fabrics.



Cutting:

- From the scraps, cut a 4" x 1 ½" strip for the top. Cut two 1 ½" x 11" strips for sides.

Assembly:

Print out all of the foundation patterns. Do not forget to make the 1" test square.

Finished block: 9" x 11".

All measures includes a ¼" seam allowance.

The side of the paper with the pattern lines and numbers is the **BACK** side of the block.

1 - Set machine stitch length to 12 to 15 per inch (small stitch size). These close stitches will help perforate the paper and will allow easy removal of the foundation paper later.

2 – Use a large needle in the sewing machine;

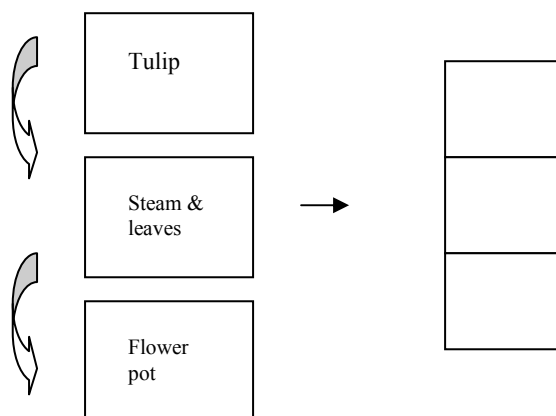
3 – The block pieces must be attached in the numeric order indicated on the foundation block paper;

4 - After sewing a piece of fabric to the foundation, fold the paper on the just sewn line when trimming the seam allowance. Unfold the paper before pressing the newly attached piece of fabric into place.

5 – Each block, after done should measure:

- Tulip block 4" X 4"
- Stem and leaves 4" x 3 ½"
- Flower pot 4" x 3 ½"

6 – Lay out the completed rectangles, referring to diagram for placement. Sew all three blocks together.



7 - Sew border strips to the top edge and then to the sides.

