

DIMENSIONAL WHIMSY

Block# 4

Whimsy

A. Background (White):

1 - 5-1/2" X 12-1/2"

2 - 5-1/2" X 4-1/2"

2 - 3-1/2" Squares

2 - 1" Squares

B. Blue/Yellow Paisley:

1 - 3" X 20" (For flower petals)

C. Blue Stem & Leaves:

2 - 2-1/2" Squares (leaves)

1 - 2-1/2" X 4-1/2" (stem)

D. Blue Flower Pot:

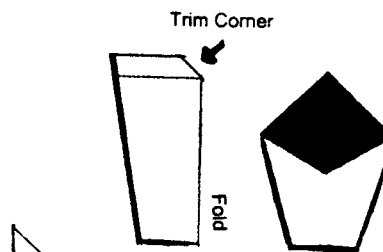
1 - 6-1/2" X 3-1/2"

E. Yellow Flower Center:

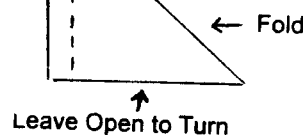
1 - 2-1/2" Square (For flower center)

CONSTRUCTION:

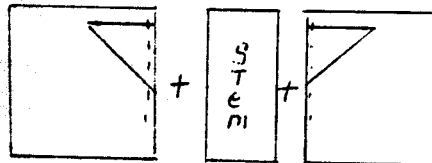
1. Cut flower petals from the 3" X 20" strip using the petal template. Alternate the template up and down to get eight flower petals. Fold each petal with right sides together lengthwise, and sew a 1/4" seam across the top. Clip the folded corner away (see illust.) to eliminate bulk, then turn the point out, as illustrated. Join petals together with a 1/4" seam, and press in one direction. You should have a circular flower. Set aside for later.



2. To make leaves, fold the 2-1/2" squares in half diagonally, right sides together. Sew along one side, then turn open. The open edge will be sewn into the seam.

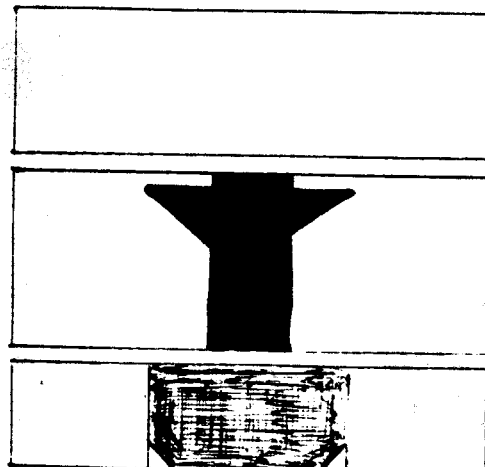


3. Arrange the 5-1/2" X 4-1/2" background pieces on either side of the stem piece and pin a leaf onto the backgrounds (1" below the top of the background) before joining. Sew all together and press leaves out.



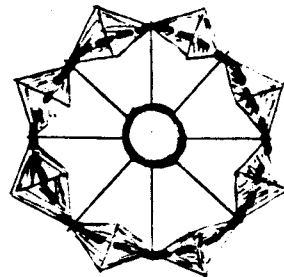
4. Sew the two 1" white squares diagonally on the bottom corners of the flower pot. Press squares back to form triangles. Sew a 3-1/2" white square to each side of pot.

5. Using illustration, arrange the 5-1/2" X 12-1/2" white rectangle, the stem/leaf section, and the flower pot section in order and sew together. This will finish the background at 12-1/2" square, and is ready for the flower.



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6. Baste flower onto background. If you don't want the flower petals dimensional, you can applique them down. If you want them loose, work from the back of the square, and take small applique-like stitches just catching the back of the petals, so your stitches don't show through on the front of the flower. Stitch in a circle as diagramed.



back of
the flower

7. Using the circle diagrams, cut your yellow fabric from the large circle, and cut a cardboard template from the smaller circle. Take a running stitch 1/8" from the outer edge of the fabric circle, leaving the threaded needle attached to use again. Place the cardboard in the center of the fabric circle, and pull the thread up tight around the cardboard making smooth edges around the flower center. Press to keep the smooth edges, and remove the cardboard. Applique onto the flower center. That's it - - - it should look great!

