

## Midget Blocks—Block 87

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Midget Blocks are a series of wonderful little blocks adapted from an antique sampler quilt made during the 1930s. I hope you'll enjoy making these blocks and a sampler quilt of your own.

Most of these blocks were made using just two colors. A print or solid color and the background fabric. This block is not in the original quilt. It is an adaptation of a vintage design.

## Tempting Tulip—4 1/2"

Use this block as a substitute for a block you'd rather not make.

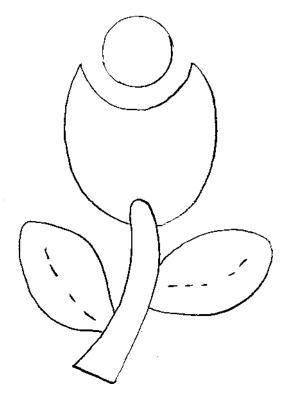
This block is well suited for hand or machine applique.

You can machine appliqué this block I chose to hand appliqué the block and used this design for the Back Basting tutorial on the Sentimental Stitches web site.

## **Cutting:**

Background—Cut 1 square 6" x 6"
Medium Green Solid—Scrap pieces for leaf
Dark Green Solid—Scrap piece for stem
Pink Print—Scrap piece for tulip
Blue Print—Scrap piece for circle

- 1. If not following the Back Basting Tutorial on the web site, the first thing we need to do is make templates for our appliqué pieces. I like to use freezer paper to make mine. You can trace each appliqué section on the paper side of the freezer paper and cut out on the drawn line. Using a hot, dry iron, press the template pieces, shiny side down on the right side of your fabrics. Draw around each template on the fabric and cut out adding a scant 1/4" seam allowance. For more detailed instructions, look in the Quilting Instructions section of the web site.
- 2. Center your 6" background square, right side up, over the appliqué pattern. Pin in place so it won't slip on you. Using a marking pencil, mark the background for placement by tracing the design 1/8" INSIDE of the printed lines. You'll center the appliqué pieces over this drawing so your placement lines will be covered.
- **3.** Appliqué the block using your favorite appliqué method. Pieces 1 and 2 are the leaves. Piece 3 is the tulip. Piece 5 is the circle and piece 6 is the stem.
- **4.** When the appliqué is completed, trim your block to the 5" unfinished size.





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Your unfinished block should measure 5"

This line should measure 1" after printing pattern.

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