

Midget Blocks—Block 88

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.

Dotty Daisy—4 1/2"

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 prints—Scrap pieces for leaves

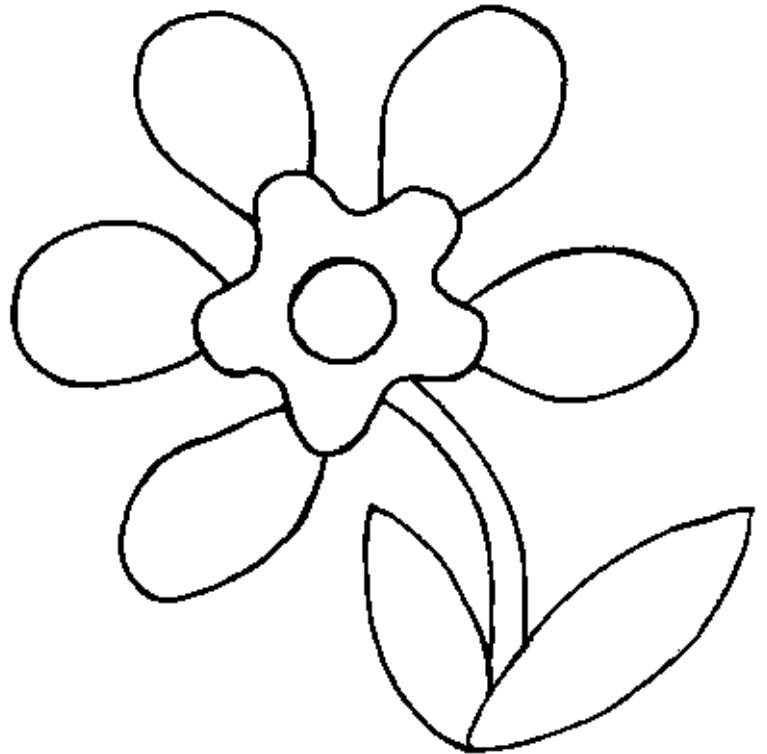
Medium Green solid—Scrap piece for stem

Purple print—Scrap piece for inner flower

Blue print—Scrap piece for daisy petals

Yellow print—Scrap piece for flower center

1. If not following the Back Basting Tutorial on the web site, the first thing you need to do is make templates for the 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.
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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