## Midget Blocks-Block 87

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 " $\times 6$ "
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.


Your unfinished block should measure 5"

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