



Garden Flower Charm Pack Quilt Tutorial

Transcript:

Hi, it's Jenny from the Missouri Star. So, today is a rainy day, and it's cloudy, and all of a sudden I started thinking about how the spring showers bring may flowers. I realized I wanted something springy in my life.

So, I started thinking about what Charm Packs we have and we have this great Charm Pack from Nancy Halvorsen and it's called Garden Song. And I thought there's got to be some springtime in there somewhere! So I thought about the flowers and how much I love them so, I put together a pattern. A quick tutorial for you, on how to make this Flower Blossom block. It's so cute, so quick and easy! Fun tutorial, we've used 5 Charm Packs for this that does the border and everything. So, what we're going to do is show you how to make this block, and you can enjoy this fabulous fabric from Nancy Halvorsen! So, let's get right to that block.

Alright, so what we're going to do is, here's the Charm Packs, here's the Charm Packs right here. So, what we're going to do is I'm just going to show you using one Charm Pack, and what I did was, it takes for each one of these flowers it takes four charms. So, you're going to want to pick out and separate your colors and make sure that you have at least four of each so that you can make your block. Now, the other ones, the beige ones, I separated into a pile, and so that I could cut them for the corners.

See, what I've done is I put little 1 1/2" squares on 3 of the corners. We've snowballed those corners, sew 1 1/2" squares on three of the corners of each square, and then sew it together in a 4 patch and it makes a darling little flower. So again, we're going to separate our beiges cause it's the beiges that are going to make the little corners and make the petal have a curve. So, let's go ahead and find four of one color so that we can put our fun block together, and I can show you how to do that. We just got to fiddle through these a minute until we find four. Alright! First one to win is these four reds right here. So, we're going to take these reds and what we're going to do is we're going to put, well they're reds and pinks, we only need four, we're going to put little 1/4" and a 1/2, 1 1/4" and a, I'm sorry, 1 1/2" squares on each corner.

So, what I did was I took all my light charms out of here. Now you'll need a little bit more yardage because there's not quite enough to make all the corners, but I took my little beige and white, you know the plain charms, out of the charm pack and I cut them into 1 1/2" squares. So, I lay my ruler on there and I did these little charms into four strips, actually three strips that are one and a half. There we go, one more, and then what I did, this is just going to be waste your little extra piece, and then I kind of laid them on top of each other like this, and I'm going to cut off the tiny little piece of the pinking at the beginning, and then I'm just going to cut some 1 1/2" squares out of here. Let's see, there we go, 1 1/2", and then I'll get another bunch. This is such a fun, quick quilt. Literally, it came together in an afternoon.

OK, so now we're going to go over to the sewing machine, and I'm going to take these squares and I'm going to put them on three of the corners just like this. One, two, three on each charm. So let's go ahead, and put that together. Now what I'm going to do, you can draw a line on these or you can iron them. I'm just going to eyeball it, and this is the same as snowballing a block. Snowballing is when you put a block on each corner, and you sew straight across, cut it off, and it gives it a rounded look. I'm going to do that on just three of the corners, and I'm just going to eyeball it. It's such a short distance and I've been doing it long enough that I can do this. If you don't feel



comfortable, draw your line down the middle of your block, and sew that line. I sewed that one, and I'm just going to lift my presser foot and turn my block a little bit, and then I'm just going to lay the next block on there, and sew it straight across on the diagonal, and lift my foot and turn it again, and put one more block on this corner, and you're going to want to do that with all your blocks before you sew your flower together. So, let's go ahead and finish those blocks and then we'll get back to the sewing machine.

OK, so we're all finished sewing our corners on, and now we're just going to trim those corners, and what I like to do is just cut about a 1/4" with my scissor along the edge of that and I'm going to do it on all three corners. Lay it over here on the ironing board because that's the next step. So, I'm going to go ahead and trim about 1/4" around all these three. There we go. Alright, now what we're going to do is come over here to the ironing board, and I'm going to iron those back. You want to set them, and then just press them back. This time your seam comes up to the, you're actually pressing to the light side right now, but you want to make sure that you get these all the way back to the corner. Your block you want it to remain fairly square. So, we set and we press. Alright, I've got a little string I've got to clip right here, there we go, and then I'm just going to roll that back, and roll this back, and roll that back.

OK now we're actually going to make our flower. So, let's move our little pieces. What we're going to do for this is I'm going to, I have two squares that are darker and two squares that are lighter. So, it's just like a four patch you want to vary your colors. You want to match your lights to your lights, and your fabrics to your fabrics, and the same with this one. So all of these outside will look like petals and they'll come together. So the first thing I'm going to do, I always like to start, whenever I have a seam like this to sew together I like to start on the straight edge. So, I'm going to take these two like this, put them right sides together, match them up. You can put a little pin in there if you want to make sure that it goes together and then I'm going to come over here to the sewing machine, and I'm just going to stitch these down, again, using my 1/4" and make sure that lays okay. Now, before I take that out I'm going to grab my other two line them up again. So, we're sewing from the part that has no corner on it, straight down, making sure that these two end pieces line up because we want our petal to look unified. Then we've got these two pieces, and we're going to go over to the ironing board.

We're going to press these, open them up, press and open. I'm going to clip these apart, because we like that chain sewing it's so fast and quick. Then what I'm going to do is I'm going to turn this around, I'm going to match my two center seams right there, and that will make our block. So, this one you really might want to pin. See how this is nesting right here? I have one seam going one direction, one seam going the other, and it's going to show how those just lay right together. This one evens up pretty quickly. You can nest that back if you want to. I just kind of keep mine going one direction and the same on this end. So, I'm going to slide this under my presser foot here. Start my 1/4" and then I'm going to stop and I'm going to check to make sure the middle is still lined up so you get a nice center in your block. Put my finger on there, and let it slide through, and there's our flower block! Let me press it for you so you can see the finished block.

Now this is a smaller Charm Pack so it's only got, I think, 36 squares in it. So that's why I chose to use five. I think this would make a darling children's bed or spring quilt for your bed. So, I put all the blocks together and what I did was I used a 2 1/2" strip you can use a Jelly Roll strip or you can cut you know from yardage you can cut your strip and I just put a sashing in between each block as I put it together in the long rows. Then I put a sashing on the top and the bottom, and then it was just kind of a little plain to me so I thought I should do this border.

Now the border is done exactly the same way, except, I'm using half blocks. So, what I did was I took my charm again, and I went ahead. Actually, I think I have one done here somewhere. Oh, right here! So I went ahead and I cut my charm in half, and then here let me take one of these apart so you can see this. I just put a small 1 1/2" square on each corner. Oh, I heard a funny joke the other day. A lady rolled in and said she loved frog sewing. I said, "What is frog sewing?" She said, "That's when you rippit, rippit!" I just thought that was hilarious. We all are



familiar with frog sewin'. Anyway, here we go, one more stitch. One more stitch. So, this is the half charm and you snowball both corners, and I just put them together end to end and laid them around this quilt here to make this border. I'm going to hold this up over here so you can see how nice and big this is with the border and the blocks! If that doesn't spring, if that doesn't scream springtime, I don't know what is!

This is just a gorgeous quilt! We love Nancy Halvorsen fabric, and we love this garden song Charm Pack! So, we hope you enjoyed this spring tutorial from the Missouri Star Quilt Company.

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