**Spool of Flowers** (finished size approximately 21 ½ inches x 24 ½ inches)

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A quilt with flowers on it

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This is a pattern that has a background that is easy to piece. Add flowers and greenery to have spring in your sewing room all year. Follow the photo or make your own arrangement. Just have fun! 😊

**Supplies**:

Thread spool 1 FQ

Spool endcaps 1 FQ

Flowers (fussy cut) ½ yard floral fabric

Background ½ yard

Tablecloth 1 FQ

Sewing needle gray scrap 2 ½” x 12”

Backing ½ yard

Binding ¼ yard

Batting approximately 25” x 26”

Ultra hold fusible 1 yard (I used heat n bond ultra)

Basic sewing and rotary cutting supplies

Iron and ironing surface

Heat resistant pressing cloth for adhering fusible

Paper and very sharp fabric scissors

Thread for piecing and quilting

1. Trace the needle on the last page onto the paper side of the fusible. Fuse it to the **WRONG** side of the gray needle fabric. Set it aside.
2. Fuse the adhesive sheet to the **WRONG** side of the floral fabrics. Set aside. These will be fussy cut later.

**Preparing the spool unit**:

Rotary cut the fabrics as follows. The bold number is the number of pieces you need.

Spool (A) **1** 8 ½ “w x 12 ½”l

Background (B) **2** 8”w x 15 ½ “l

Background (C) **1** 4”w x 21 ½ “l (top)

Tablecloth (D) **1** 6”w x 21 ½”l (bottom)

Spool endcaps (E) **2** 2”w x 8 ½” l

Spool triangles (F) **4** 2” squares

**Piecing the spool and background**:

1. Sew a spool endcap (E) to the top and bottom of the spool (A). Press away from the spool.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the WRONG side of each of the 2 “ squares (F).
3. Sew a 2” square (F) to the background pieces (B) as shown below. Sew directly on the line. Press in the direction of the arrows. Trim the excess fabric from behind each corner.
4. Sew the background pieces (B left and right) to the spool. Be sure that the triangles are on the inner sides of the background pieces B as shown above.
5. Sew the background top (C) to the top of the spool unit. Press away from the spool.
6. Sew the tablecloth (D) to the bottom of the spool unit. Press away from the spool.
7. Measure your quilt top and cut your backing slightly larger- 3-4 inches longer on the length and width.

**Preparing the flowers**:

Using a very sharp pair of scissors, fussy cut the flowers and greenery from the floral fabrics. I cut more than I used. You will need a variety of sizes and colors.

As you add them to the spool, peel the backing from the flowers.

The flowers should cascade from the top right to the bottom left, spilling onto the tablecloth. You may decide on another arrangement. It is your design so have fun!

DO NOT FUSE UNTIL ALL THE FLOWERS ARE ARRANGED.

Lay an appliqué fusible sheet on top of the arranged flowers and fuse according to manufacturer’s instructions.

**Adding the sewing needle**:

Remove the paper backing from the needle. Using the photo at the beginning of the instructions, position the sewing needle.

Fuse **ONLY the EYE** of the needle first. Leave the needle shaft unfused.

Make two small slits through the thread spool to allow the needle to go through the thread.

A close-up of a fabric

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Thread the needle through the spool.

Place a small piece of gray fabric over the exposed fusible on the back of the spool unit.

A close up of a fabric

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Turn the unit over and fuse the remainder of the needle onto the spool.

**Finishing**:

Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Baste using your favorite method. Quilt as desired.

Bind using your favorite method.

Remember to label your work!

