

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

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This is a must have for your sewing room. Add flowers and greenery to have spring in your sewing room all year. Make your spool any color that is your favorite! Follow the photo or make your own arrangement. Just have fun! 😊

## **Supplies:**

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| Thread spool              | 1 FQ                    |
| Spool endcaps             | 1 FQ                    |
| Flowers (fussy cut)       | ½ yard floral fabric    |
| Background                | ½ yard                  |
| Tablecloth                | ¼ yard                  |
| Sewing needle             | gray scrap 2 ½" x 12"   |
| Backing                   | ½ yard                  |
| Binding                   | ¼ yard                  |
| Batting                   | approximately 25" x 26" |
| White or light gray tulle | approximately 25" x 26" |
| Steam a Seam 2            | 1 yard                  |

Basic sewing and rotary cutting supplies

Very long and fine pins for basting the layers

Iron and ironing surface

Heat resistant pressing (this will keep your iron clean)

Sharp scissors for fussy cutting the flowers

Neutral thread for piecing

Quilting thread

**\*\*Use ¼ inch seam allowance throughout. \*\***

1. Trace the needle in the pattern onto the paper side of the *steam a seam* 2. Follow product instructions to fuse it to the **WRONG** side of the gray needle fabric. Cut out the needle. Set it aside.

2. Follow product instructions to fuse *steam a seam* 2 to the **WRONG** side of the floral fabrics. Set aside. These will be fussy cut later.

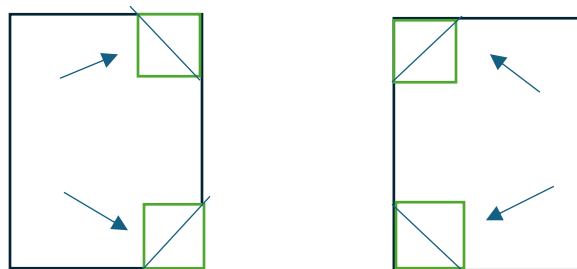
### **Preparing the spool unit:**

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

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| Spool (A)           | <b>1</b> 8 ½ "w x 12 ½"l       |
| Background (B)      | <b>2</b> 8"w x 15 ½ "l         |
| Background (C)      | <b>1</b> 4"w x 21 ½ "l (top)   |
| Tablecloth (D)      | <b>1</b> 6"w x 21 ½"l (bottom) |
| Spool endcaps (E)   | <b>2</b> 2"w x 8 ½" l          |
| Spool triangles (F) | <b>4</b> 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 piece (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:**

Do not remove the paper from the fabric yet. Using a very sharp pair of scissors, fussy cut an assortment of flowers and greenery from the floral fabrics. You will need a variety of sizes and colors.

Peel the paper backing from the flowers as you begin to decorate. The Steam a Seam 2 will adhere to the spool but is easily lifted to rearrange the flowers.

The flowers should cascade from the top to the bottom, 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.**

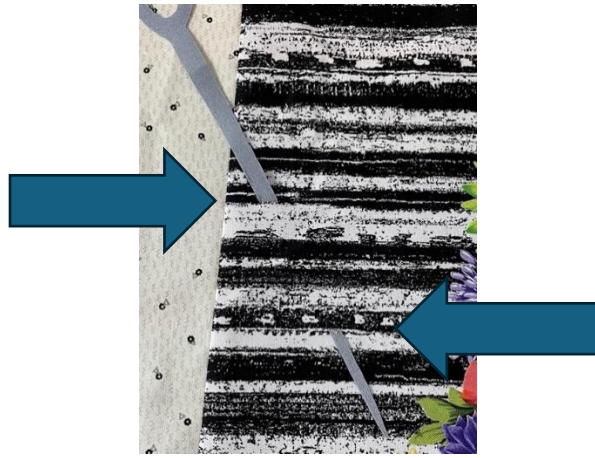
Lay an appliqué fusible sheet on top of the arranged flowers and fuse according to product instructions.

### **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 just long enough to allow the needle to go through the spool.



Thread the needle through the spool.

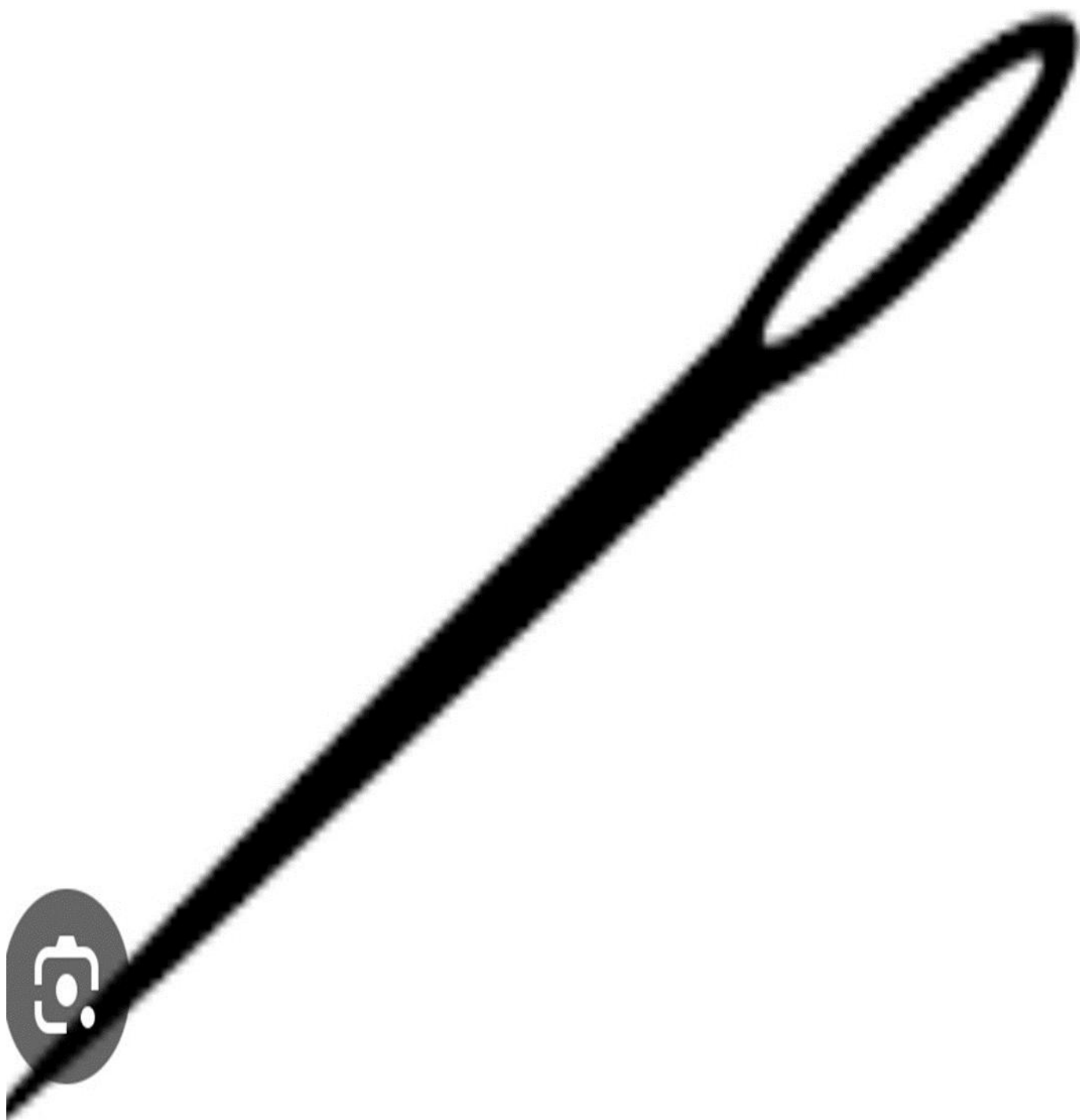
Place a small piece of gray fabric over the exposed fusible on the back of the spool unit. This will keep the exposed fusible from sticking to the ironing board cover.



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

**Finishing:**

- Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top.
- Lay the tulle on top of the quilt top.
- Using very long fine pins, baste the layers about three inches apart.
- Quilt as desired using a walking foot or even feed foot. Choose a diagonal cross hatch pattern or free motion.
- Bind using your favorite method.
- Remember to label your work!



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

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Heat resistant pressing cloth for adhering fusible

Paper and very sharp fabric scissors

Thread for piecing and quilting