

Tulip Block

Block directions and guidelines for the September 2015 Block Lotto

This Tulip block is a 9-inch square (finished size) traditional block.

You can make a **MAXIMUM of NINE BLOCKS** for the drawing in September.

Use the tag **Tulip** for your posts on Blocklotto.com about this block.

Fabric Guidelines for the Block Lotto

Background is a white solid or white-on-white (WOW) print

Tulip is a solid, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor print that is any shades of the color of your choice

Contrast is a solid, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor print that is a darker shade of your Tulip fabric

Center is a solid, tone-on-tone (TOT) or multicolor print that is any shade of green.

You can choose to make scrappy versions of the block by using multiple fabrics for any of the 4 fabrics used in the block, however the Tulip and Contrast fabrics should all be variations of the same color and each block should contain 4 tulips that are the same color—for example my scrappy black & white tulips, blue tulips and purple tulips.



If you make multiple blocks, you can use the same white background and green center in all your blocks. Tulip fabrics should be unique for each block.

Cutting Fabrics for One Block

There are 8 half Square Triangle Units in each block (finished size 2 inches). How you cut the Tulip and Background fabrics depends on the method you use to make them. Here are the cutting measurements for 2 popular methods.

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Tulip	4 squares 2 7/8 inches	1 square 5 3/4 inches
Background	4 squares 2 7/8 inches	1 square 5 3/4 inches

See the HST Tip Sheet for details on how to sew the 8 HST Units you need for the block.

For the rest of the block, Cut:

- Four 1 ½-inch squares of **Background**
- Four 1 ½-inch squares of **Contrast**
- One 1 ½-inch squares of **Center**
- Four 2 ½-inch squares of **Tulip**
- Four 1 ½-inch by 2 ½-inch rectangles of **Background**
- Four 1 ½-inch by 4 ½-inch rectangles of **Background**



Sewing the Tulip Block

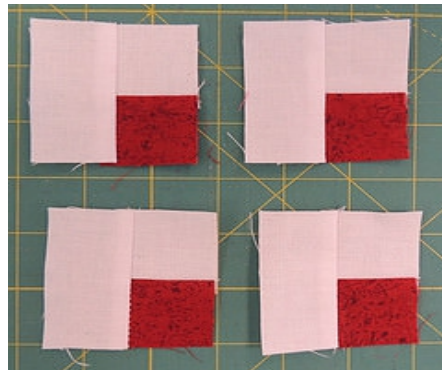
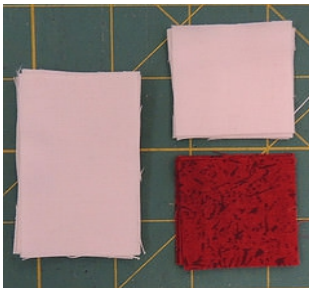
1. Sew the Sub-Units.

Using your chosen method, make 8 HST units. They should measure 2 ½ inches square.



To make the center of the tulip,

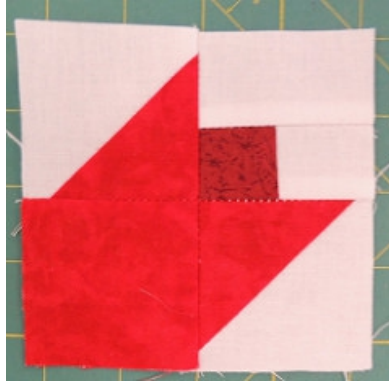
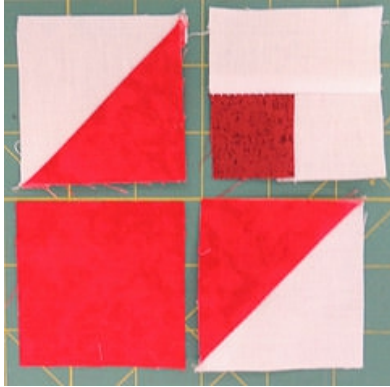
- Sew each small Contrast square to a small Background square
- Add a small Background rectangle to the side to form four tulip centers.
- These units also should measure 2 ½-inches square.



2. Sew the Tulips

For each of the four tulips in the block,

- Layout one center, two HST units and one square of Tulip fabric.
- Sew together as a 4-patch.
- These units should measure 4 ½-inches square.



3. Assemble the Block

To put together the block:

- Layout the 4 tulips, so that each faces into a corner
- add the Center square and background strips to form an uneven 9-patch.
- Sew together as a 9 patch.



Measurement check: Your Tulip block should measure 9 ½ inches square