

COME TO THE FAIR!

Block Lotto August, 2019

It's fair season! The first U.S. state fair was held in Syracuse, New York, in 1841. 2019 will be its 179th season. (The second state fair was in Detroit, Michigan, from 1849-2009, and now in suburban Novi.) The Texas State Fair is the biggest with over 2 million visitors. The musical and movie State Fair were set at the Iowa State Fair.

(To locate county or state fairs near you, or en route as you travel, check the International Assn. of Fairs and Expos site: <https://www.fairsandexpos.com/>)

On to our August quilt block: **STATE FAIR**

Each 6-in. block uses four fabrics.

Fabric 1 Background: light neutral – low-volume cream, yellow, very soft pink, blue, or green

Fabric 2 Leaves green

Fabric 3 Petals complement fabric 4

Fabric 4 Fussy-cut flower -- try to get a good-sized (2-1/2") motif from a floral print

Cutting:

Fabric 1 – background 4 1-1/2 x 2-1/2" rectangles
12 1-1/2 x 1-1/2" squares

Fabric 2 – leaves 4 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" squares

Fabric 3 – petals 8 1-1/2 x 2-1/2" rectangles

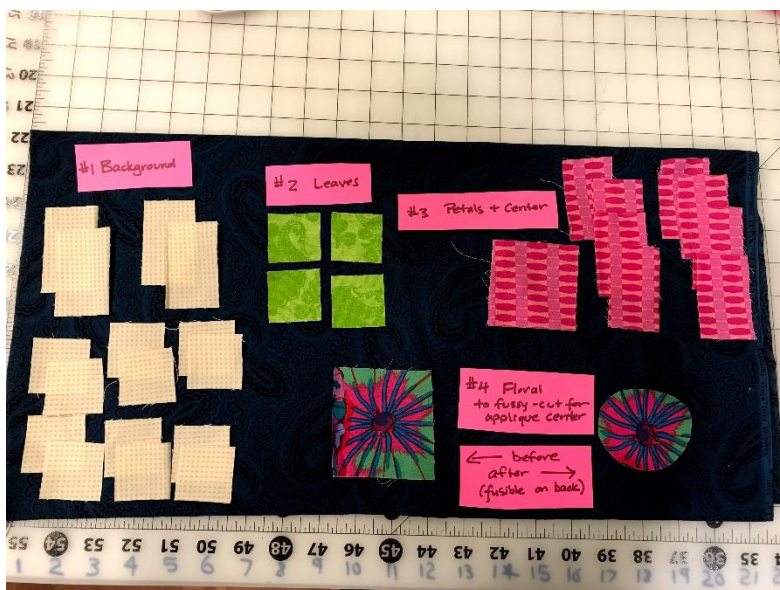
Center 1 2-1/2 x 2-1/2" square

Fabric 4 – center fussy-cut floral approx. 2-1/2" diameter circle

If you plan to hand-applique, add seam allowance.

If you plan to use fusible applique you will need a 2-1/2" circle of fusible web.

(A little bit of Fabric 3 will appear around the edges of the applique center.)



Assembly:

- (1) Sew four Fabric 1 and four Fabric 2 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares together in pairs. Press to the dark side.
- (2) Sew each pair to a Fabric 1 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle. Press toward the rectangles.



- (3) Sew a Fabric 1 square to one end of each Fabric 3 rectangle using a diagonal seam. NOTE THE ORIENTATION OF THE DIAGONAL! Trim the excess and press toward the rectangle.
- (4) Sew the two rectangles together



- (5) Assemble units as shown. Block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



- (6) Applique the center circle. Use your preferred method.



I am considering these florals for the block centers.



And here's what I've made so far.



FOR THE LOTTO: You may make up to NINE blocks. You may repeat no more than TWO fabrics from block to block.

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