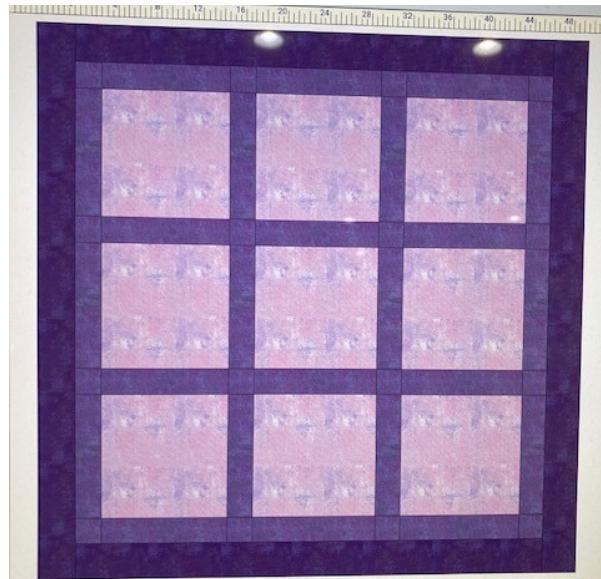


# Blooming Quilt

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## The Blooming Flower Quilt by Sandra & Lennea

utilizes a block pattern designed by Sandra and an EQ8 designed layout that will result in a 53" x 53" lap quilt.

### Materials Needed

1 1/4 yards of background fabric (the background for the blooms)

7/8 yard of sashing material

1 yard of border material

1/2 yard for binding

9 – 13.5 "x 13.5" squares of low to medium loft batting like bamboo, Quilter's Dream low loft cotton batting, or a low loft poly batting.

55" x 55" medium loft batting

A variety of quilting threads to contrast and complement your quilt fabric selection.

Fabric selection: Use a sturdy fabric for your background! I used a really lightweight batik print for my first try and it resulted in wrinkles in the background that just would not quilt out. My second attempt was done using Moda Grunge background and turned out beautifully.

Select a sturdy fabric like a dense batik or grunge in a pastel or bright/light color for the bloom background. Sashing material looks great in a darker contrasting color. The border can coordinate in a print or complementary color. I have done some mock ups of color selections below.

Quilting Thread selection: Any GOOD quality quilting threads can be used (cotton or poly) in a matte or shiny finish. Metallic threads can also be used. Don't forget to put a new needle in your machine! Select 3 or more colors to complement AND contrast your quilt color scheme. A 40 wt thread works well for making the blooms pop. Use a 50 wt or higher thread in a matching color for quilting your background squares.

## The Blooms

Prepare 9 Blooms from the Flower Block Workbook. You will need 1 1/4 yard of background fabric to stitch your blooms.

Cut nine, 13.5" squares from your yardage, cutting three rows of three background squares across the width of your fabric.

Using the pattern and workbook below, stitch your Painted Flower blooms through Step 10.

[/Users/Lennea/Documents/FB Group/S-P-painted-flower-instructions \(3\).pdf](#)  
(Painted Flower block instructions)

[/Users/Lennea/Documents/FB Group/SP-flower-template-1.pdf](#) (Flower Block pattern)

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The flower block pattern is designed to print out on A4 8 3/4" x 11 1/4" and is standard UK paper size. You can print it on standard American 8.5" x 11" size paper and it will be slightly smaller.

Because we are making a whole quilt, only use the first layer of batting under your bloom, stitching the flowers out. This layer is cut away and then we will attach the blocks to the sashing.

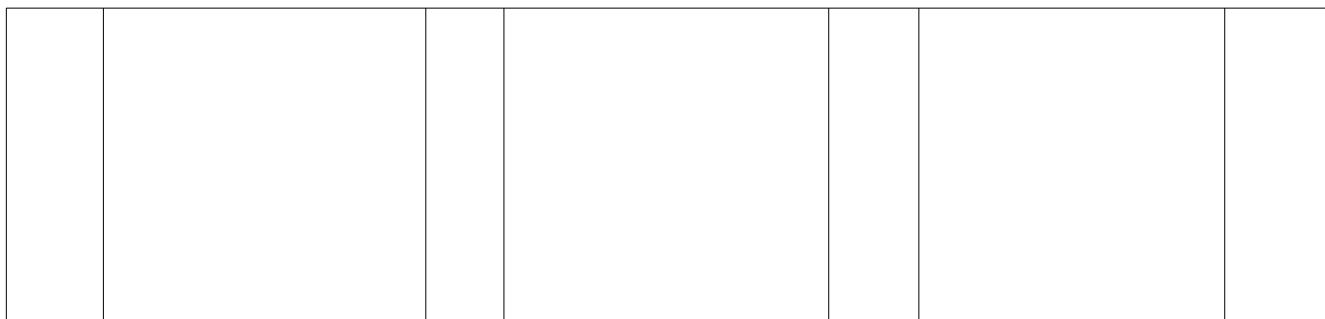
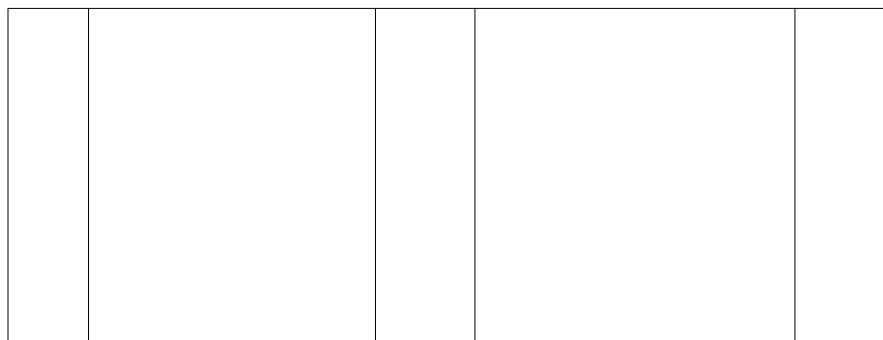
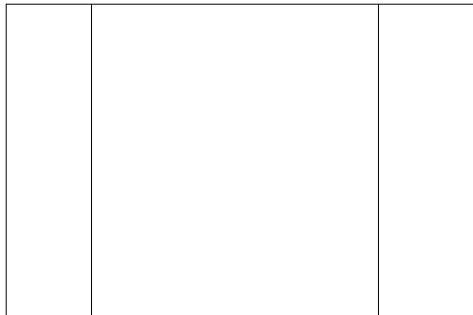
Cut your completed Flower Blocks down to 12.5" square. Our finished blocks will be 12" finished.

## Assembling the Quilt

All seams are 1/4".

Cut 12 sashing strips 12.5" long x 3" wide to assemble the rows. (Finished sashing is 2.5".)

Row 1: Arrange your bloom layout. Attach a sashing strip to the both the right and left edges of your first bloom. Attach your second bloom to the sashing. Attach a sashing strip to the right edge of your second bloom. Attach a third bloom to the right edge of the sashing strip. Attach a sashing strip to the right side of your third bloom.



Repeat for rows 2 & 3.

Assemble your rows using 2, 46" long, 3" wide strips. You will need to piece these sashing strips.

Square your quilt center.

Border: Cut your border fabric into 4" strips. Cut two strips 46" long x 4" wide for the top and bottom borders. Attach, pinning frequently. Cut two strips 53.5" long and 4" wide for the side borders. Attach, pinning frequently. Finished border is 3.5" after binding.

Cut six, 2.5" strips from your binding fabric. Piece continuously.

Attach binding.

## Fun Background & Sashing Arrangements

These color suggestions were created in EQ8 using Moda Grunge as a suggested fabric.

Please use whatever fabric you desire.

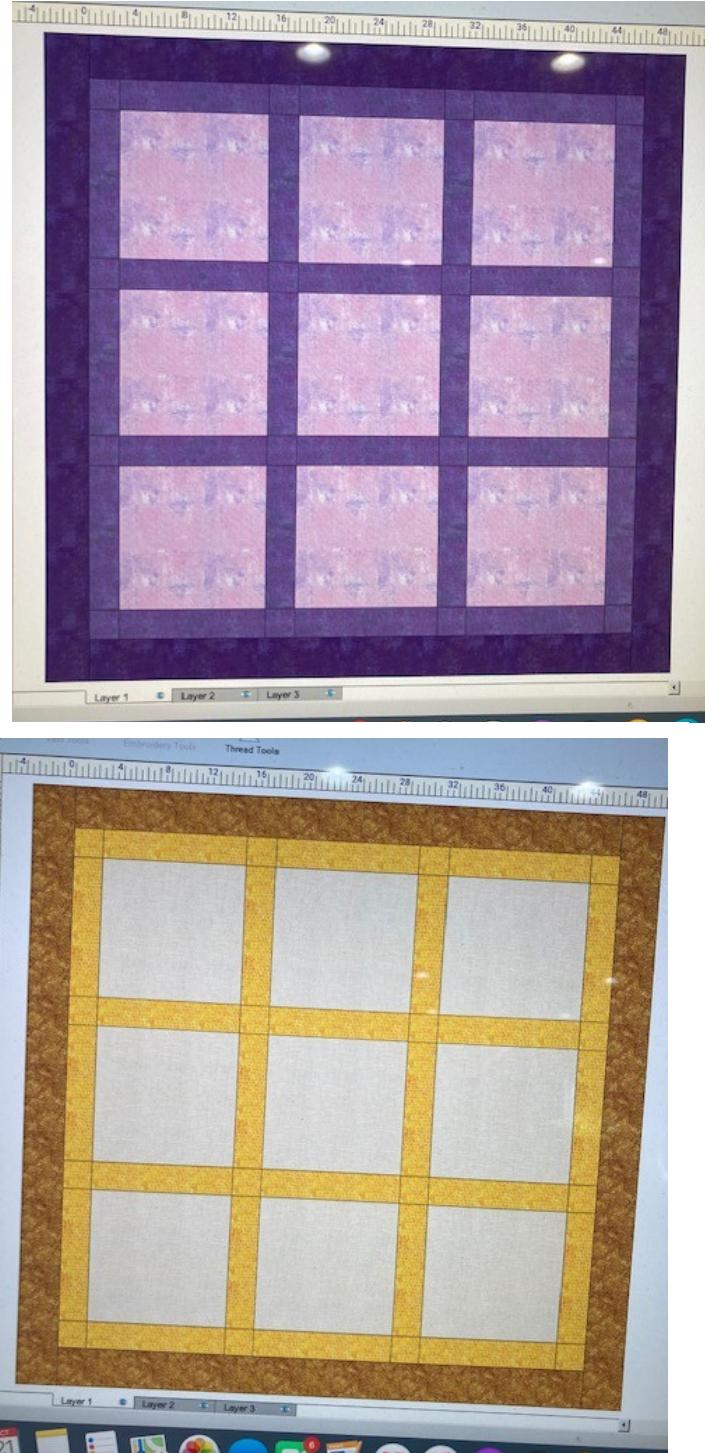


Figure 2: Gold/Yellow Blooming Quilt layout

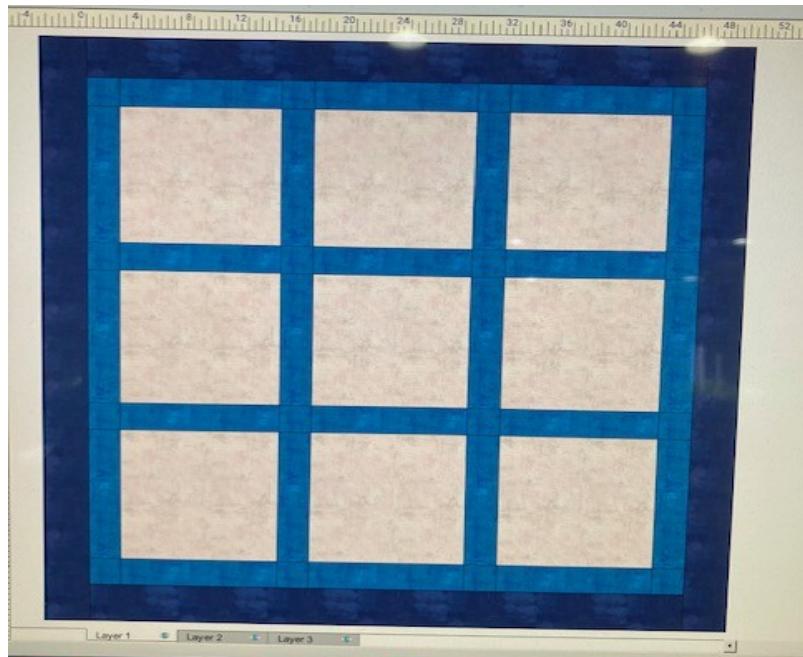


Figure 3: Blue Blooming Quilt layout

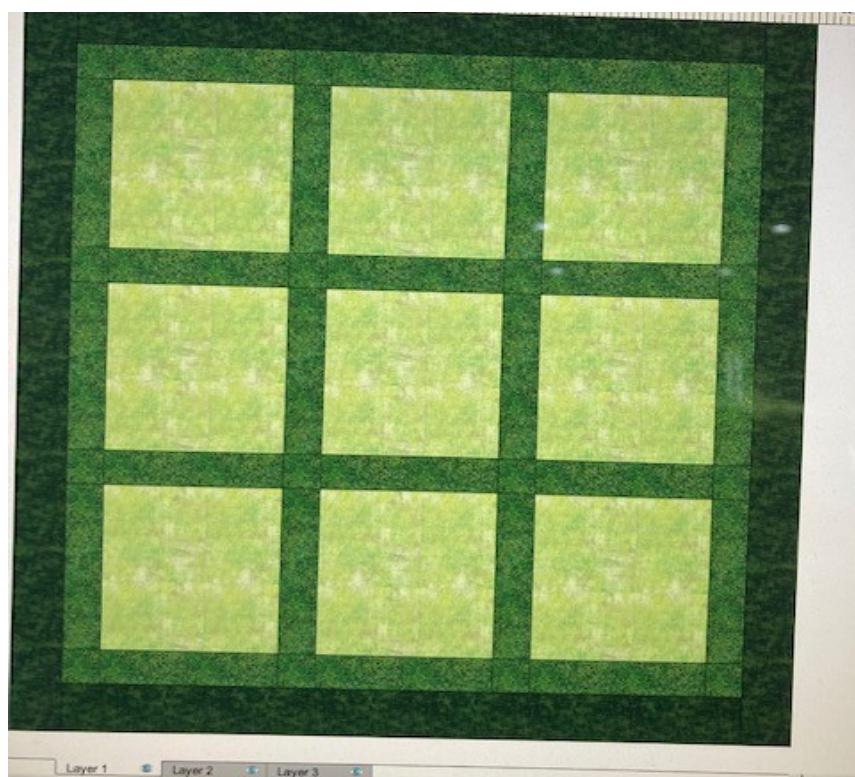


Figure 4: Green Blooming Quilt layout

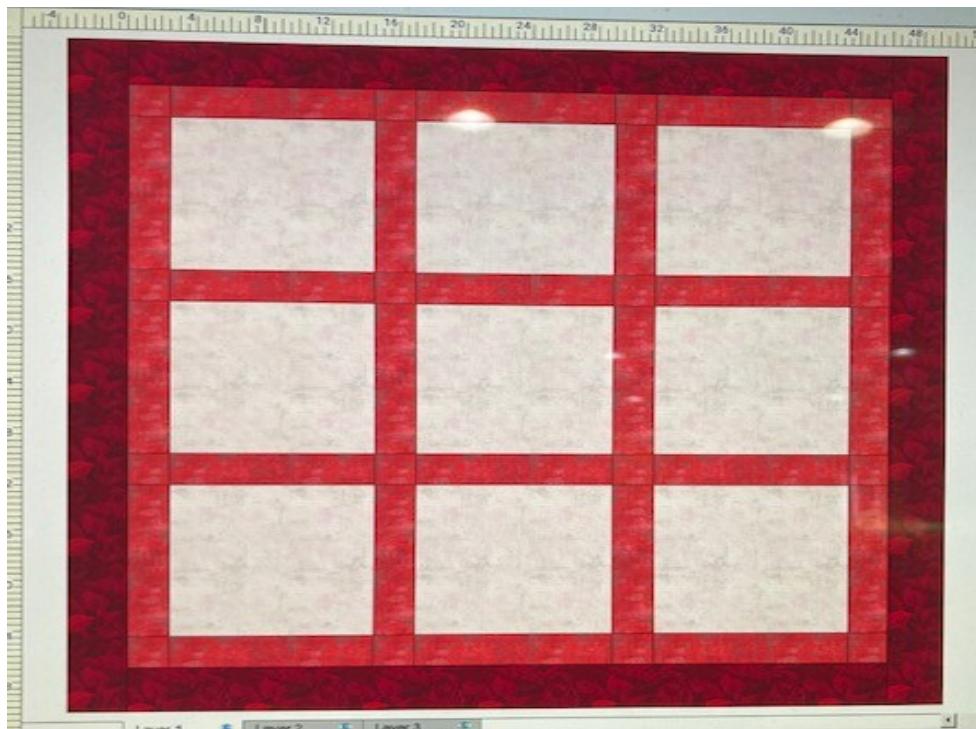


Figure 5: Red Blooming Quilt layout

Let us know if you have any questions! And enjoy making your Painted Flowers.