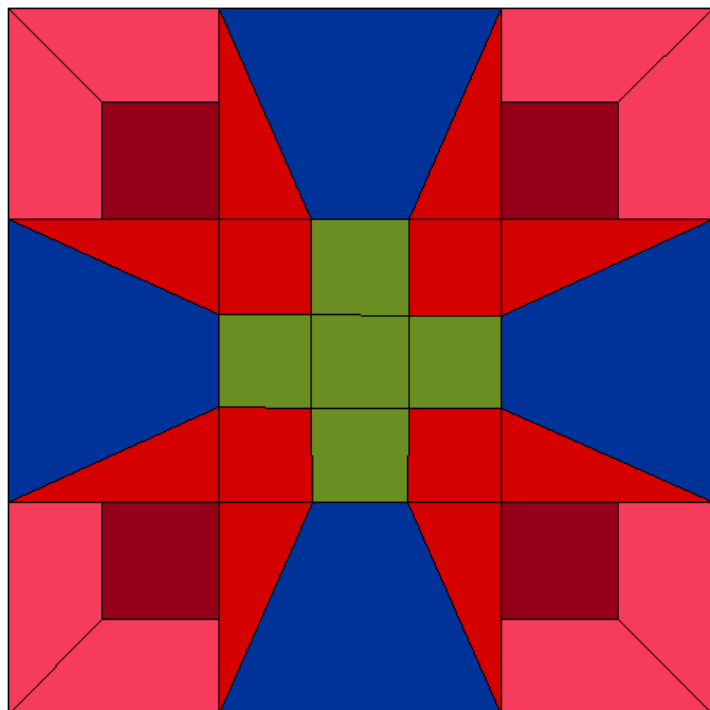


Dutch Tulip

15 inch finished (15 ½ inches edge to edge)



The tulip is a perennial, bulbous plant with showy flowers in the genus *Tulipa*, of which up to 109 species have been described and which belongs to the family Liliaceae.

The genus's native range extends from as far west as Southern Europe, Israel, North Africa, Anatolia, and Iran to the Northwest of China

Tulip mania or **tulipomania** was a period in the Dutch Golden Age during which contract prices for bulbs of the recently introduced tulip reached extraordinarily high levels and then suddenly collapsed.

At the peak of tulip mania, in February 1637, some single tulip bulbs sold for more than 10 times the annual income of a skilled craftsman

Background (Twilight Blue)



4 - 6 ½ by 5 inch rectangles

Tulip - Dark Red



4 - 3 inch squares

Tulip - Medium Red



4 - 2 ½ inch squares
8 - 3 inch by 6 inches (for connectors)

Tulip - Light Red



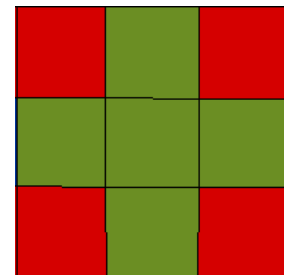
8 - 2 ½ by 6 inches

Leaf Green



5 - 2 ½ inch squares

The center of the block is a nine patch. Use the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares of green and the medium red.



The finished square will measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

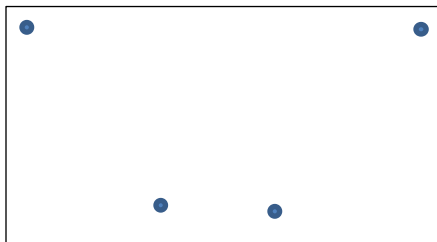
For the corners, you need to mitre the pale red around the darkest red square.

Everyone has their favourite method of doing the mitre - the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip for each corner is longer than needed to enable the mitre.

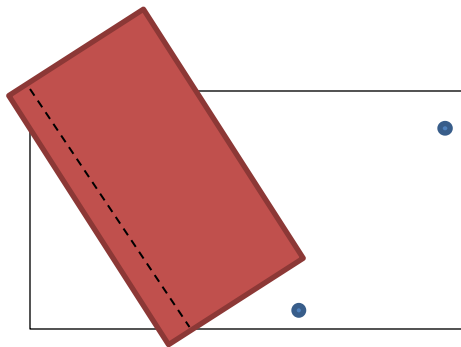
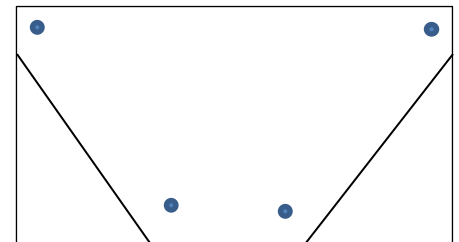
If you have a half-square ruler, place two rectangles right side together, and place the ruler so the 5 inch mark is on one end - cut the other end on the diagonal. When you sew the set in corner - remember to mark it!

Your finished corner must measure 5 by 5 inches.

Now comes the interesting bit. Lay the background rectangle on the table, and mark points $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from each edge at the upper corners, and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each edge and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up from the bottom.

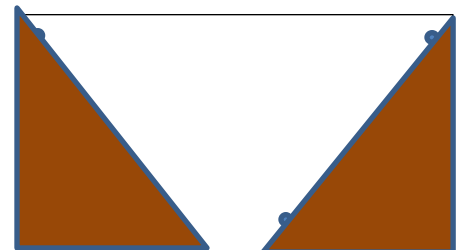


The dots represent where the connectors will be sewn. Draw a line $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the dots toward the corner. Place a dark red rectangle on the line, make sure that when folded over the seam line, it will completely cover the corner.



Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from the edge of the connector. Press the connector into the corner, and trim to match the background rectangle.

Note the diagram is not in proportion!



You have now paper pieced without the paper!

Now you have all sections of your final block. Put them altogether and you are done!

If you have any problems, drop by the drop-in and we will give you a hand.