

Block 4


## Patriotic Garden Flag Block 4

(Stitching across America Sew along)

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## Materials:

12" square background fabric
3" x 5" red wool for flag
$2^{\prime \prime} \times 21 / 2 \prime$ dark blue wool for star field
$2^{\prime \prime} \times 5$ " white wool for stripes
$3 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ light pink wool for flowers
3/4" $x 3^{\prime \prime}$ Dark pink wool for flowers

1" $\times 21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Yellow wool for flowers
$1^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ light purple wool for flowers

Threads to match.... I used Valdani 12w in colors: P5 yellow, H201 light red/pink, P10 purple, O519 green, P2 olive green, O545 white, O511 dark navy/black, O78 dark red.

Marking tool...l used a "Fons and Porter" dark quilting pencil to draw embroidery lines on my block, and a white quilting (wax) to mark the white dots on the star field for the French knots.

## Applique:

I used fusible web for my applique pieces. None of these shapes will need to be reversed. Follow your favorite applique prep method and place your background fabric over the layout guide.

* Place the red flag piece where designated and fuse or tack in place.
*Place the blue star field piece on the top left corner of the red wool and tack or fuse in place.
*Iron fusible web on the white wool, if using fusible web. Cut long strips from the white $1 / 4$ " wide. Then cut three of those strips $25 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ long to go under the star field and place them and the longer ones under and to the right of the star field and tack or fuse in place. Applique everything in place...l used a straight stitch down each stripe and a whipstitch around the red and the blue pieces.
*Using the layout guide below the background piece, place all the wool flower pieces in their designated places and tack or fuse down. Use a marking tool to mark all the embroidered stems and the wrought iron flag holder.
*I used a stem stitch and the P2 olive green thread for all the stems with a dark or light pink flower circle and made lazy daisy stitches down both sides of the stems for leaves.
*For the stems that have the yellow flowers, I used the 0519 green thread with a stem stitch and long straight stitches for the leaves down both sides.
*The stems with the purple flower circles were made with P2 olive green thread and a back stitch. I made smaller lazy daisy stitches for the leaves.
*On each flower circle I made long stitches across them and tacked in the middle. The yellow flowers were whipstitched.
*For the stars, I marked dots with a white waxy quilt marking tool and tried to get them sort of even... and used the 0545 thread to make French Knots. You can try to squeeze 50 in there, but I didn't try that hard! Ha!
*Press when finished and trim to $111 / 2$ " square.


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11" x 11" Finished block

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