# Desert Blooms 

## Quilt Design by Gina Gempesaw



Featuring fabrics from
Desert Blooms by Laura Marshall

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Fabric collection by Laura Marshall Quilt designed by Gina Gempesaw<br>Skill level: Experienced Beginner • Finished Quilt Size: approximately 75" x 80"

## Quilt Yardages:

| Fabric A: | DBLO 5218 W | 7/8 yard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fabric B: | DBLO 5212 MU | 7/8 yard |
| Fabric C: | DBLO 5213 LC | 7/8 yard |
| Fabric D: | DBLO 5211 W | 7/8 yard |
| Fabric E: | DBLO 5210 W | 1/3 yards |
| Fabric F: | DBLO 5214 CC | 7/8 yard |
| Fabric G: | DBLO 5215 C | 7/8 yard |
| Fabric H: | DBLO 5215 C | 2/3 yard |
| Backing: | DBLO 5216 W suggested | . 5 yards |
| Batting |  | 83" x 88" |

## Cutting Instructions:

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning. Strips are cut across the width of fabric (perpendicular to selvedges) unless otherwise stated. All seams are sewn with a 1/4" seam unless otherwise stated. Label all pieces.

## From Fabric A:

1. Cut five $51 / \mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ strips. (A1)
a. From one strip, cut twelve 3" x 5 1/2" rectangles. (A2)

From a second strip,
b. Cut one 30" x $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ section. (A3)
c. From the leftover, cut three 3" squares. (A4)

## From Fabric B:

1. Cut five $51 / 2$ " strips. (B1)

From one strip,
a. Cut six 3 " $\times 5$ 1/2" rectangles. (B2)
b. Cut six 3" squares. (B3)

## From Fabric C:

1. Cut five $51 / \mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ strips. (C1)

From one strip,
a. Cut six 3" x 5 1/2" rectangles. (C2)
b. Cut six 3 " squares. (C3)

## From Fabric D:

1. Cut five 5 1/2" strips. (D1)
a. From one strip, cut twelve 3 " x 5 1/2" rectangles (D2)

From a second strip,
b. Cut a 30 " $\times 51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ section. (D3)
c. From the leftover, cut three 3" squares. (D4)

## From Fabric E:

1. Cut two $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 751 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips from the Length of Fabric (LOF). (E1)
2. Cut two $41 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 75$ 1/2" strips from the LOF. (E2)

From Fabric F:

1. Cut eight $3^{\prime \prime}$ strips. Sew together into one long strip.
a. Cut two $3^{\prime \prime} \times 751 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips for the border. (F1)
b. Cut two 3 " $\times 75$ " strips for the border. (F2)

## From Fabric G:

1. Cut sixteen 1 1/2" strips. Sew together into one long strip.
a. Cut eight 1 1/2" x 75 1/2" strips. (G1)

## From Fabric H :

1. Cut nine 2 1/4" strips. (Binding)

## Piecing Instructions:

1. Sew one strip each of A1, B1, C1 and D1 to make one ABCD strip set. Press seams towards the D1 strip. Make 3 $A B C D$ strip sets. (Figure 1)


Figure 1
Make 3 strip sets.
2. Aligning one selvage end together, sew one strip each of A3, B1, C1 and D3 together to make one more ABCD strip set. Press towards the D3 strip. (Figure 2)


Figure 2
Make 1 strip set.
3. From the $A B C D$ strip sets, cut forty-five 3" x 20 1/2" ABCD sections.
4. Sew one D4, three $A B C D$ sections, one A2, one B2 and one C3 together into a V strip. Press seams towards C3. Make three $V$ strips. (Figure 3)
5. Sew one D2, three $A B C D$ sections, one $A B C D$ $A 2$ and one $B 2$ together into a $W$ strip. Press seams towards B2. Make three W strips. (Figure 3)
6. Sew one C3, one D2, three ABCD sections, one A2 and one B3 together into an $X$ strip. Press seams towards B3. Make three $X$ strips. (Figure 3)
7. Sew one C2, one D2, three ABCD sections and one $A 2$ together into a $Y$ strip. Press seams towards A2. Make three Y strips. (Figure 3)
8. Sew one B3, one C2, one D2, three $A B C D$ sections and one A4 together into a Z strip. Press seams towards A4. Make three Z strips. (Figure 3)
9. Sew one strip each of $\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{W}, \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and $Z$ together to create a $V Z$ column that measures $13^{\prime \prime} \times 75$ 1/2". Press seams open. Make three VZ columns. (Figure 3)


Figure 3
Make 3 V strips.
Make 3 W strips.
Make $3 X$ strips.
Make 3 Y strips.
Make $3 Z$ strips. Make 3 V-Z columns.

Assembly Instructions: Refer to Quilt Diagram

1. In the order listed, sew together one of each: $\mathrm{F} 1, \mathrm{G} 1, \mathrm{E} 2$, G1, VZ column, G1, E1, G1, VZ column, G1, E1, G1, VZ column, G1, E2, G1, and F1. Press seams towards G1.
2. Sew one F2 strip to the top and bottom to complete the quilt top. Press seams towards F2.

## Finishing:

1. Prepare backing with vertical seams. Press seams open. Trim backing to 83" x 88".
2. Layer quilt, batting, and backing. Baste layers together.
3. Quilt as desired.
4. Trim layers even with quilt top, squaring corners.
5. Join nine $21 / 4$ " H binding strips with diagonal seams. Press seams open. Attach binding using your favorite method.
6. Make a label and sew to the back of the quilt.


Quilt Diagram

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