

Floral Surprise

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Introduction

This month we begin a new mystery. You may choose to make your quilt from a series of sizes-- wheelchair, large lap, queen, or king.

In the coming months, you will make the units with some assembly along the way. In the last month, the final design is revealed with the assembly information.

This introduction includes the Fabric Requirements and suggestions for selecting your fabric. We begin making units in this issue and end with the quilt assembly and finishing in the January 2023 issue.

Be sure to join me in the **Floral Surprise** group on www.needlespot.com, a private online quilters' community. There, you can get answers to any questions you might have, share your progress, and see what others are doing.

— Bonny



My suggestions for selecting fabrics are:

- Fabric A is the background.
- All 8 fabrics should have good contrast. They all touch Fabric A except for Fabric G.
- Start with Fabric B which includes the outer border. A medium-sized print would be perfect.
- Next, select a color from Fabric B for your main color (Fabrics D and E) and two colors for your accent colors (Fabrics G and H).
- Fabric D should read darker than Fabric E.
- Fabric C should read darker than Fabric F. To have a true **Floral Surprise**, Fabrics C and F should be shades of green.
- Check that you have good contrast by taking a black & white picture of your fabrics.



Materials

All cuts based on usable 40" wide, prewashed 100% cotton fabrics

	Wheelchair	Large Lap	Queen	King
Size	38" x 38"	63" x 79-1/2"	79-1/2" x 96"	96" x 96"
Fabric A (background)	1-1/4 yds	3-1/4 yds	5-1/2 yds	6-3/4 yds
Fabric B (includes outer border)	5/8 yd	1-1/2 yds	2 yds	2-1/8 yds
Fabric C	1/8 yd	1/4 yd	1/2 yd	1/2 yd
Fabric D	3/8 yd	5/8 yd	1 yd	1-1/4 yds
Fabric E	1/4 yd	7/8 yd	1-3/8 yds	1-5/8 yds
Fabric F	1/8 yd	1/4 yd	1/2 yd	1/2 yd
Fabric G	7"x 7" scrap	1/8 yd	1/4 yd	3/8 yd
Fabric H	1/8 yd	1/2 yd	3/4 yd	7/8 yd
Backing	1-1/4 yds	4-7/8 yds	7-1/3 yds	8-2/3 yds
Binding	3/8 yd	5/8 yd	3/4 yd	3/4 yd
Batting	40" x 40"	69" x 85"	85" x 102"	102" x 102"