

Ruby Floral Mini Tutorial

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I made a little mini quilt that is 12 inches square and have a easy tutorial to share with you.





I started out with a charm pack of Ruby and some white bleached muslin 8.5 inch squares.



I cut the entire charm pack into 2.5 inch squares.



Then I arranged them around the 8.5 inch center block. You will use a total of 24 – 2.5 inch minis to make each block.

Tip: if you use a charm pack that has 42 pieces you can make 7 of these blocks....if you lay them all out before you start sewing. I didn't and by time I thought of it.....after 4 blocks I had lots of the neutral pieces left over so I only got 6 completed blocks.



Now take 4 of the 2.5 inch blocks and lay them upside down on your center square in the corners. Mark at an angle as shown. I have been using the Frixion pens that disappear when you apply heat to the markings and just love them!



Stitch on the diagonal line across the block as shown.



Then fold along the stitching line, lightly press.



Next trim it even with the background fabric corner.

I like to leave the background fabric for stability so I carefully trim the square as shown but you don't have to do this.



Now sew your rows together. You will make 2 rows of 4 and 2 rows of 6.



Your finished block!



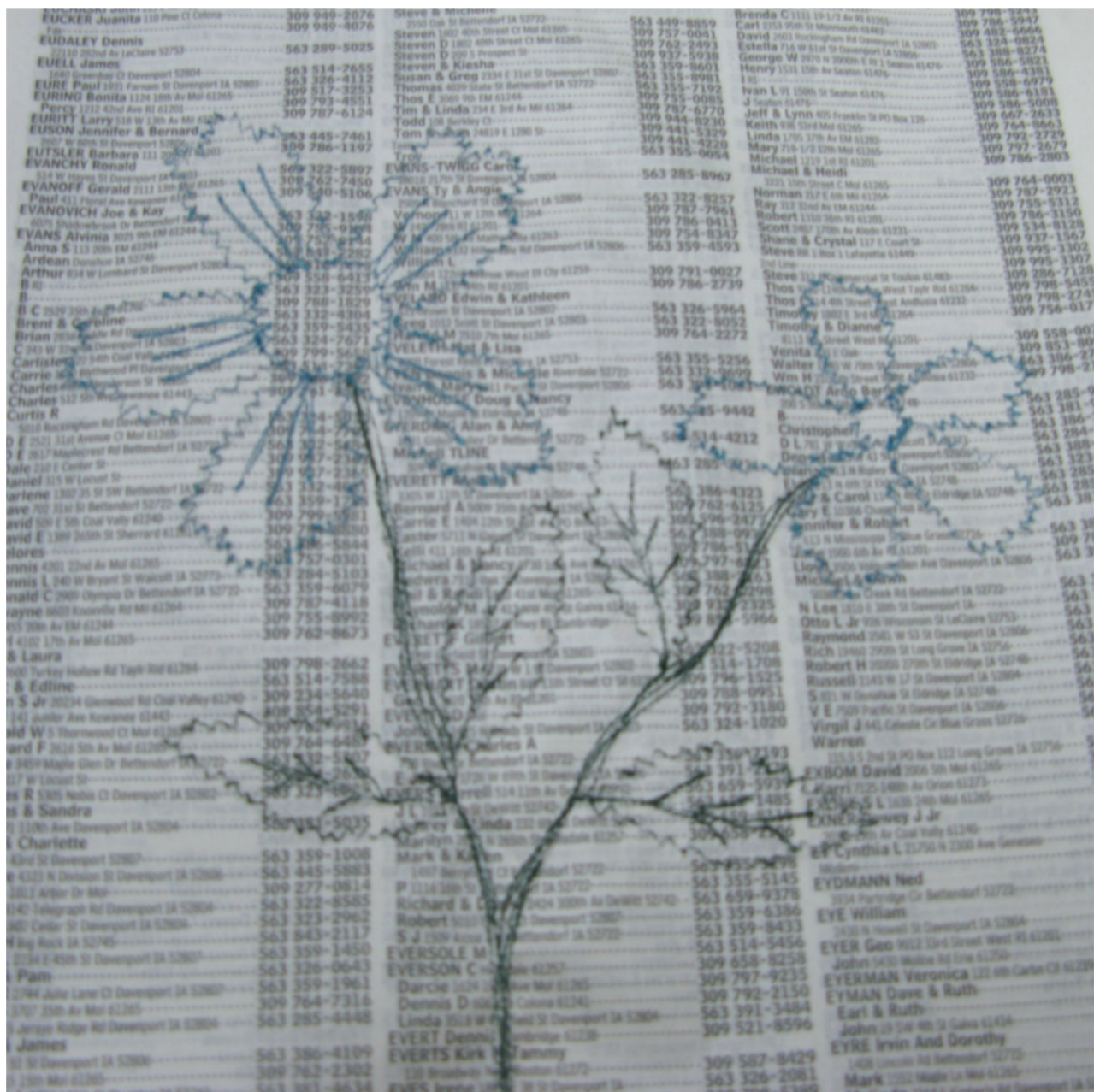
I used my [Sizzix Big Shot](#) cutter to cut some flowers and leaves, you could use any flower pattern you have. I applied Heat & Bond Lite to the back. I did my usual free motion applique.

I used a 40 wt. Coats & Clark 100% Trilobal Polyester machine embroidery thread. I'm not picky about what threads I use, if the color is right I just adjust my tension and try it out. I had bought a bunch of this thread when it was on sale 50% off and figured I had better try it.

I just do a little wiggle around the edges.



This time I decided to use telephone pages on the back to stabilize my stitching. I used 2 pages.



When I was finished with the free-motion applique, I removed the paper.

I wasn't sure how well it would rip off but it only took me a couple minutes to remove the paper....of course I stitch close/tight.



I used Warm & Natural batting and white bleached muslin for the back and did a small meandering or stipple quilt with 100% cotton thread.





I cut my binding 2 1/4 inch and sewed it to the front.



Then I fold it over and stitch along the binding to catch it. I haven't done hand-stitching for a long time.

I almost forgot to show you all 6 of my blocks. I always like runners.....and everyone else does too so I made a 3 block and a 2 block runner with the rest.



You could also make a cute baby quilt.

