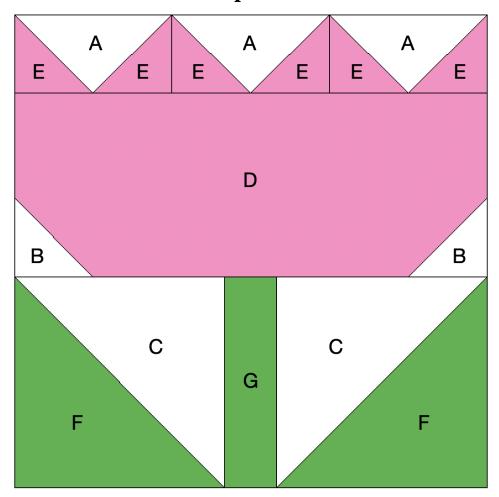
# **Tulip Block**



Block size: 9" finished (9½" unfinished)

## **Cutting Instructions**

#### Background:

- A three 2½" x 4" rectangles
- B two 2" squares
- C one 5" square

#### Flower:

- D one 4" x 91/2" rectangle
- E six 2½" squares

#### Stem and Leaves:

- F one 5" square
- G one 1½" x 4½" rectangle

## **Sewing Instructions**

- 1. Use the A and E pieces to make three flying geese. Trim each goose to 2" x 3½". (See the back of this sheet for trimming hints.) Then sew the three geese together as shown in the diagram.
- 2. Use the B pieces to snowball the bottom two corners of the D piece. Then sew the flying geese to the top of the D piece as shown in the diagram.
- 3. On the back side of the C piece, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. Place the C and F pieces right sides together. Sew ¼" on each side of the marked line. Cut apart on the line, press open, and square to 4½". This will result in two CF half square triangles.
- 4. Sew together the two CF units and the G piece as shown in the diagram.
- 5. Sew the flower unit from step 2 to the stem/leaf unit from step 4 as shown in the diagram.

**Note:** Measure your completed block. If it is more than  $\frac{1}{8}$ " undersized, please try to rework to correct the size. If the block is slightly oversized, please <u>do not trim</u>. (It will be trimmed as needed at the next step.)

#### Trimming the flying geese using a specialty flying geese ruler:

Use a ruler designed for flying geese of size 2" x 3½" unfinished (1½" x 3" finished).

The photo below shows a Bloc Loc ruler, but the idea is the same for other flying geese rulers. Note that the points at the lower edges of the ruler are on the seams and you have ¼" above the peak at the top. This is what you are looking for.



## Trimming the flying geese using a plain ruler:

Note: These instructions are for a right-handed cutter. If you are left-handed, you will need to reverse these directions.

Make sure the peak of the goose is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the long edge (top of photo below) and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the short edge (right side of photo).

Before trimming, look at where the ruler is. Your trimmed size will be  $2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$ . Look at where the 2" line is at the bottom of the block. At the 2" line, the edge of the ruler on the right and the  $3\frac{1}{2}"$  line should both be on the seams. When you're satisfied that the ruler is in the correct location, trim the top and right sides.

After trimming the first two edges, turn the block and trim the other two edges so that the final size is 2" x 3½".

