

## **Puyallup Valley Quilter's April Block of the Month**

I had a lot of fun creating this 3D tulip as inspired by our own guild symbol. I learned in my first guild the fun of creating 3D easily. My hope is that you will also enjoy, create and make three dimensional a part of your quilting experience.

We will start by picking a background fabric of which I picked yellow. Then pick a color of your tulip flower. We will have 2 shades of green unless you would just like to pick one.

Begin by cutting 4 of your tulip color  $2\frac{3}{4}$  square. (you could cut a  $11\frac{3}{4}$  inch strip and then cut at every  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches).

Cut 3 light background  $2\frac{3}{4}$  square. (you could cut a 9 inch strip and then cut at every  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches).

Cut 2 background  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch square for the ends of the leaves.

Cut 2 green strips  $1\frac{1}{4}$  x 5 inch

Cut 1 dark green  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch square or use the same green as the strips.

First lay out the squares into the tulip pattern. Fold the tulip color ( $2\frac{3}{4}$  square) and lay on top of the background material. Sew the triangle edge less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to stabilize it so that when you sew seams together they won't slide. Do the lower right tulip color the same way.

Fold the top right tulip color in half. Fold it again outside point to inner corner thus creating a square. Press. Decide which side to face up on the quilt: the side with a fold or the plain side. Sew it to the background edge less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to stabilize it again so that when you sew seams together they won't slide.

Sew the little background squares unto the ends of the green leaf strips. Make sure to watch your angles by looking at the picture so that you will open the background triangle to the right side. I suggest not trimming under the triangle so that the shadow of the background fabric isn't shown through and if the bottom green fabric isn't trimmed then the material is all matching the proper edges under the background triangle.

Stitch the  $2\frac{3}{4}$  squares together making the tulip. Add the one leaf section. Check the length of the last green leaf and make sure the length will match with the last green square added. Press and see if you aren't tempted to make some tulips for yourself. The possibilities are endless.



