

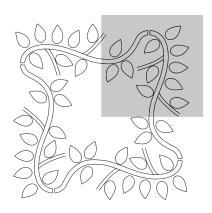


LAST ROSES OF SUMMER BLOCK - THE PATTERN AND BACKGROUND

The first step is to prepare the pattern and the background. For this block we will use the No-Mark vinyl placement method.

Step 1: Make a complete block pattern

Print four copies of the block pattern on page 3. Trim on the dashed lines. Iron the four pieces to freezer paper to make the pattern for the whole block.



1/4 of pattern, full size graphic showing 1/4 of whole pattern

Step 2: Freezer paper stem template

On one 18" square of freezer paper, trace the inside edge of the stem to make the stem template. Be sure to draw the dashed lines that will divide the template into quarters – this will make centering the template easier. You will need to make a mirror image of this template by placing another 18" square of freezer paper with the waxy sides together – do not iron them together. Instead we will pin the two pieces of freezer together and then cut both stem templates at once. Two blocks are made using each of the stem template patterns. By using the freezer paper template, there is no need to make any marks on the background fabric; simply use the template as a guide to place the fabric stems.



















Step 3: No-Mark Vinyl Pattern

Place a 20" square of clear vinyl over the complete paper pattern and trace, using a permanent black marker. This vinyl pattern is used for placing the leaves and flowers on the background without making any markings. Write the words "RIGHT SIDE" on the side you have drawn on. When you work on the mirror image blocks, simply turn the vinyl over. The vinyl is pinned to the background block and the appliqué pieces are positioned underneath. This is a real time saver!

Next Lesson: Making the Stems





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