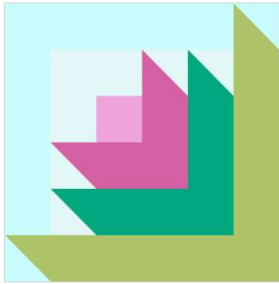


## Tulip for Spring

Pacifica Quilters Club – "Lucky Block" of the Month – presented December 2025

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Bring your sewn blocks to the January and/or February 2026 meetings.



Unfinished size 12.5"

### Cut Pieces

Very Light Blue Fabric

**a1** 2.5" x 2.5" squares (cut 5 pieces)

**a12** 2.5" x 4.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)



Light Blue Fabric

**a4** 2.5" x 2.5" squares (cut 2 pieces)

**a10** 2.5" x 10.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)

**a11** 2.5" x 8.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)



Light Pink Fabric

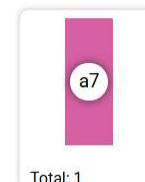
**a9** 2.5" x 2.5" square (cut 1 piece)



Medium Pink Fabric

**a8** 2.5" x 4.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)

**a7** 2.5" x 6.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)



Light Green (Yellow-ish Green) Fabric

**a6** 2.5" x 10.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)

**a5** 2.5" x 12.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)



Medium Green Fabric

**a3** 2.5" x 6.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)

**a2** 2.5" x 8.5" rectangle (cut 1 piece)

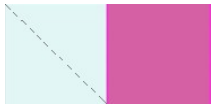


## Assemble "Snowball" Corner Block Units

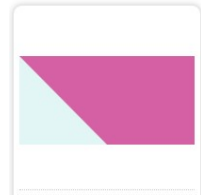
Place "corner" square on top of "foundation" rectangle at one edge, right sides together. Draw diagonal line, sew, flip open.

**TIP:** Check direction of drawn diagonal line and edge placement before sewing.

Each Snowball Corner unit will have specific diagonal for that color/unit



Place **a1** 2.5" x 2.5" Very light blue fabric (right sides together) on **a8** 2.5" x 4.5" Medium pink fabric  
Place the corner square on the left side of the rectangular piece, carefully aligning corners  
Draw a diagonal line from top left of corner square to bottom right. Use a ruler to be precise.  
Sew **ON** the diagonal line.



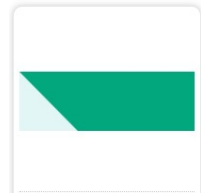
Check before trimming, comparing your snowball corner block unit with the image in these instructions.  
Trim 1/4" from seam and press block unit open.

**TIP:** Press diagonal seams open. This helps to line up corners precisely when sewing block units together.

Continue assembling Snowball block units following general instructions and tips above.



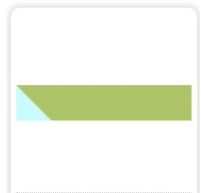
Place **a1** 2.5" x 2.5" Very light blue fabric (right sides together) on **a7** 2.5" x 6.5" Medium pink fabric  
Place the corner square on the top side of the rectangular piece, aligning corners  
Draw a diagonal line from top left of corner square to bottom right. Use a ruler to be precise.  
Sew **ON** the diagonal line.  
Trim and press



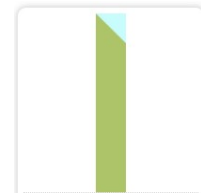
Place **a1** 2.5" x 2.5" Very light blue fabric (right sides together) on **a3** 2.5" x 6.5" Medium green fabric  
Place the corner square on the left side of the rectangular piece, aligning corners  
Draw a diagonal line from top left of corner square to bottom right. Use a ruler to be precise.  
Sew **ON** the diagonal line.  
Trim and press



Place **a1** 2.5" x 2.5" Very light blue fabric (right sides together) on **a2** 2.5" x 8.5" Medium green fabric  
Place the corner square on the top side of the rectangular piece, aligning corners  
Draw a diagonal line from top left of corner square to bottom right. Use a ruler to be precise.  
Sew **ON** the diagonal line.  
Trim and press

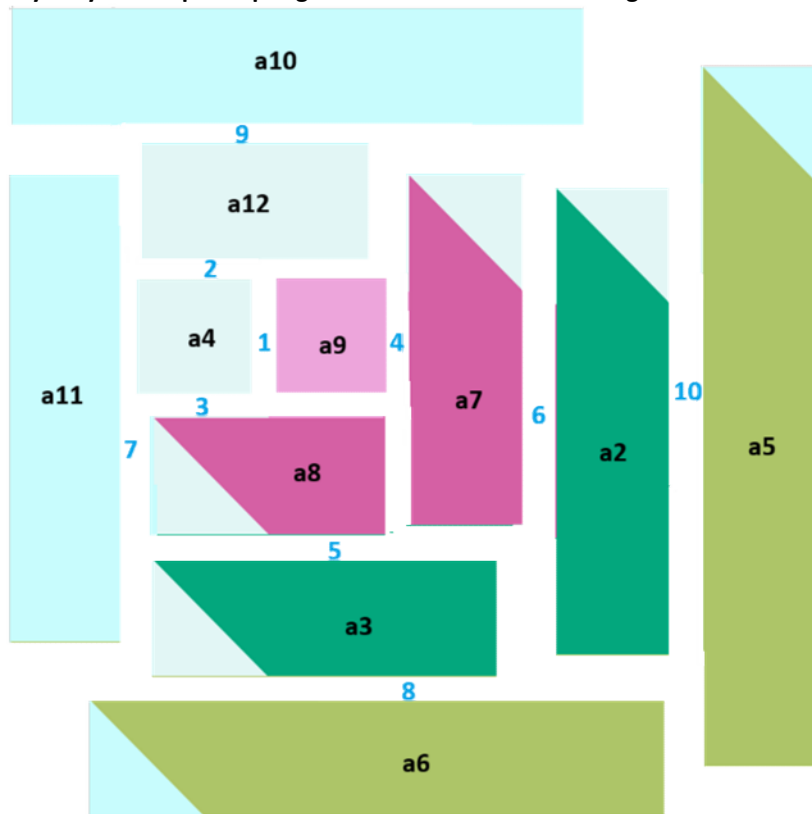


Place **a4** 2.5" x 2.5" Very light blue fabric (right sides together) on **a6** 2.5" x 10.5" Light green fabric  
Place the corner square on the left side of the rectangular piece, aligning corners  
Draw a diagonal line from top left of corner square to bottom right. Use a ruler to be precise.  
Sew **ON** the diagonal line.  
Trim and press



Place **a4** 2.5" x 2.5" Light blue fabric (right sides together) on top of **a5** 2.5" x 12.5" Light green fabric  
Place the corner square on the top side of the rectangular piece, aligning corners  
Draw a diagonal line from top left of corner square to bottom right. Use a ruler to be precise.  
Sew **ON** the diagonal line.  
Trim and press

Layout your Tulip for Spring block units on a table or design wall.



Assemble like a log cabin, starting in the middle and adding strips along edges:

**\*\*\*EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TIP: Use scant 1/4" seams to make sure final block will measure 12.5"**

*A scant 1/4" seam is just a seam that is a couple thread widths narrower than an actual 1/4" seam.*

*This smaller seam makes up for the portion of fabric lost on the fold when pressing seams open.*

- 1 Sew a4 to a9 and press open
- 2 Sew a12 to top of a4/a9 block
- 3 Sew a8 snowball to bottom of a4/a9 block and press seams open
- 4 Sew a7 snowball to right side of assembled section and press open
- 5 Sew a3 snowball to bottom of assembled section and press open
- 6 Sew a2 snowball to right side of assembled section
- 7 Sew a11 to left side of assembled section and press seams open
- 8 Sew a6 snowball to bottom of assembled section
- 9 Sew a10 to top of assemble section and press seams open
- 10 Sew a5 snowball to right side of assembled section and press open

Your block should measure very very very close to 12.5" x 12.5".

Why is it called a "Snowball" Corner Block"? If you use a larger "foundation" center square and sew these "Snowball" corners to each corner of the foundation, you get an 8 sided shape that looks somewhat circular (like a snowball).

