## ADQG May 2017 Block of the Month Tulip





This month's block has the look of a flower because of the color placement. The color scheme this month is bright colours on a white background.

The blocks will be nine inches finished (9 1/2" unfinished).

Cut from white background - two squares 4"  $\times$  4" (for half-square triangle units), three Squares 3 1/2"  $\times$  3 1/2", one rectangle 3 1/2"  $\times$  2" and one square 2"  $\times$  2".

Cut from bright print, one square  $4" \times 4"$  (for half-square triangle units) and one square  $3 \frac{1}{2}" \times 3 \frac{1}{2}"$ .

Cut from green print, one square 4" x 4" (for half-square triangle units).

Cut from co-ordinating bright solid colour, one square 2" x 2".

Sew the bright, solid square to the small white square, right sides together with a 1/4" seam.

Press toward the solid bright fabric. This unit will now measure  $2" \times 3 \ 1/2$ . It is very important to get this unit the right size, as it must be the same length as the rectangle. Sew the white rectangle to the square unit you just made.

Be sure you sew it on so it looks like the block picture. Press toward the rectangle.

(In this case the seam is pressed away from the side with more seams instead of toward the dark fabric.)

Now it's time to make your half-square triangle units.

Place a green 4" x 4" square on a white 4" x 4" square, right sides together.

Repeat with a bright print square on a white square. Draw a line from corner to corner

on the wrong side of the white square and sew a scant 1/4" on either side of the line. Cut on the line. Press seam toward the darker fabric and trim to 3 1/2" x 3 1/2". You should have four units - two green and white and two bright print and white. Sew the square and rectangle unit to a bright print and white half-square triangle unit, making sure the placement matches the picture. Sew a white square to the half-square triangle unit. Press seams away from the half-square triangle unit. This is the first row. This unit should measure 9 1/2" x 3 1/2".

Sew a bright print square between a bright print and white half-square triangle unit and a green and white unit. Match the placement to the graphic.

Press seams toward the square. This is the second row. It should measure the same as the first row.

Sew a green and white half-square triangle unit between two white squares, matching the placement in the block graphic. Press seams toward the squares. This is your third row.

Sew row one to row two. You will notice that the seams go in opposite directions. This will help you have seams that match. Be careful not to cut the points off the triangles when you sew your seam. Press the seam toward row one. Sew row three to the first two rows. Again the seams will go in opposite directions. Press the seam toward row three. Your block should measure 9 1/2" x 9 1/2".

