



"MY BACKYARD" SERIES

Flowerpot

A Fused Art Quilt

(Complete pattern and instructions enclosed)



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Finished Size 17" x 17"



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Materials and Tools

- Background fabric 19" x 19" of light yellow
- Flower pot fabric 10" x 10" of orange
- Grass fabric 7" x 12" of medium green
- Stem fabric 5" x 5" each of 1 light green and 1 dark green
- Flower fabric 10" x 10" of blue
- Flower bud fabric 4" x 10" of pink
- Flower center fabric 1" x 8" of yellow
- Bud base and leaf fabric 8" x 8" each of 1 light green and 1 dark green
- 3 yards of fusible web (Wonder Under #805 recommended)
- 17" x 17" cotton batting (Hobbs Heirloom Cotton 80/20 Batting recommended)
- 17" x 17" fast2fuse® stiff interfacing or similar product
- 17" x 17" backing fabric
- Parchment paper
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Black Sharpie Fine Point marker or lead pencil
- Embroidery needle for hand stitching Size 8 pearl cotton embroidery thread
- Machine quilting thread

Preparation

1. This quilt measures about 17" x 17" upon completion and is hand stitched and machine quilted.
2. Fuse all the fabrics except the backing fabric and remove all the paper except that on the background fabric. Save this "release" paper in one sheet. It will be needed for the construction of this quilt.

Flower Pot

1. Place release paper or (or use parchment paper) on the flower pot bottom pattern. Trace the pattern with the Sharpie marker or a lead pencil and remove the release paper.
2. Place the marker side of the release paper onto the glue or fused side of the flower pot fabric. Fuse the paper in place for 5 seconds. Let the fabric cool.
3. Remove the release paper from the fabric. The ink will transfer to the glue. Cut out the shape just inside the black line.
4. Repeat Steps 1 - 3 for the flower pot top pattern and grass pattern.
6. Place the flower pot parts in order on the background fabric using the pattern photo as a guide. (The bottom tip of the flower pot is about 4" from the bottom edge of the background fabric.) Leave about 1/8" showing between the two flower pot parts to outline the shapes.
7. Fuse-tack the bottom of pot into place. Fuse-tack the top of the pot up to within 1/2" of the rim. DO NOT FUSE THE TOP EDGE OF THE RIM. THE STEMS WILL BE PLACED UNDER THE RIM IN THE NEXT SECTION.
8. Place the grass on the lower edge of the flower pot. Fuse-tack into place.

Stems, Flowers, and Leaves

1. Cut the light green stem fabric on the bias to form 2 triangles. Cut 8 bias strips measuring about 1/8" - 1/4" wide from the long bias side of one of the triangles.
2. Repeat Step 1 with the dark green stem fabric.
3. Space the ends of the stems just under the rim of the flower pot top. Fuse-tack the top rim of the flower pot to glue the ends of the stems into place.
4. Starting at one side of the pot, slowly fuse and curve each stem out of the flower pot and onto the

background or flower pot fabric. Snip the stems to size if necessary.

5. Place release paper on the flower pattern. Trace the pattern with the Sharpie marker or a lead pencil and remove the release paper.
6. Place the marker side of the release paper onto the glue or fused side of the flower fabric. Fuse the paper in place for 5 seconds. Let the fabric cool.
7. Remove the release paper from the fabric. Cut out the shape just inside the black line with scissors.
8. Repeat Steps 5 - 7 to make a total of 8 flowers, 8 flower buds, 8 bud bases, and 8 flower centers. Or free-cut the flower shapes.
9. Arrange the flowers, flower buds, and flower bud bases on the stems. Add the flower center dots to the flowers. Fuse-tack into place.
10. Repeat Steps 5 - 7 to make 8 large and 8 small leaves from the remaining stem fabrics. Or free-cut the leaf shapes.
11. Place the leaves on the stems. Fuse-tack into place.

Finishing with a Wrapped Binding

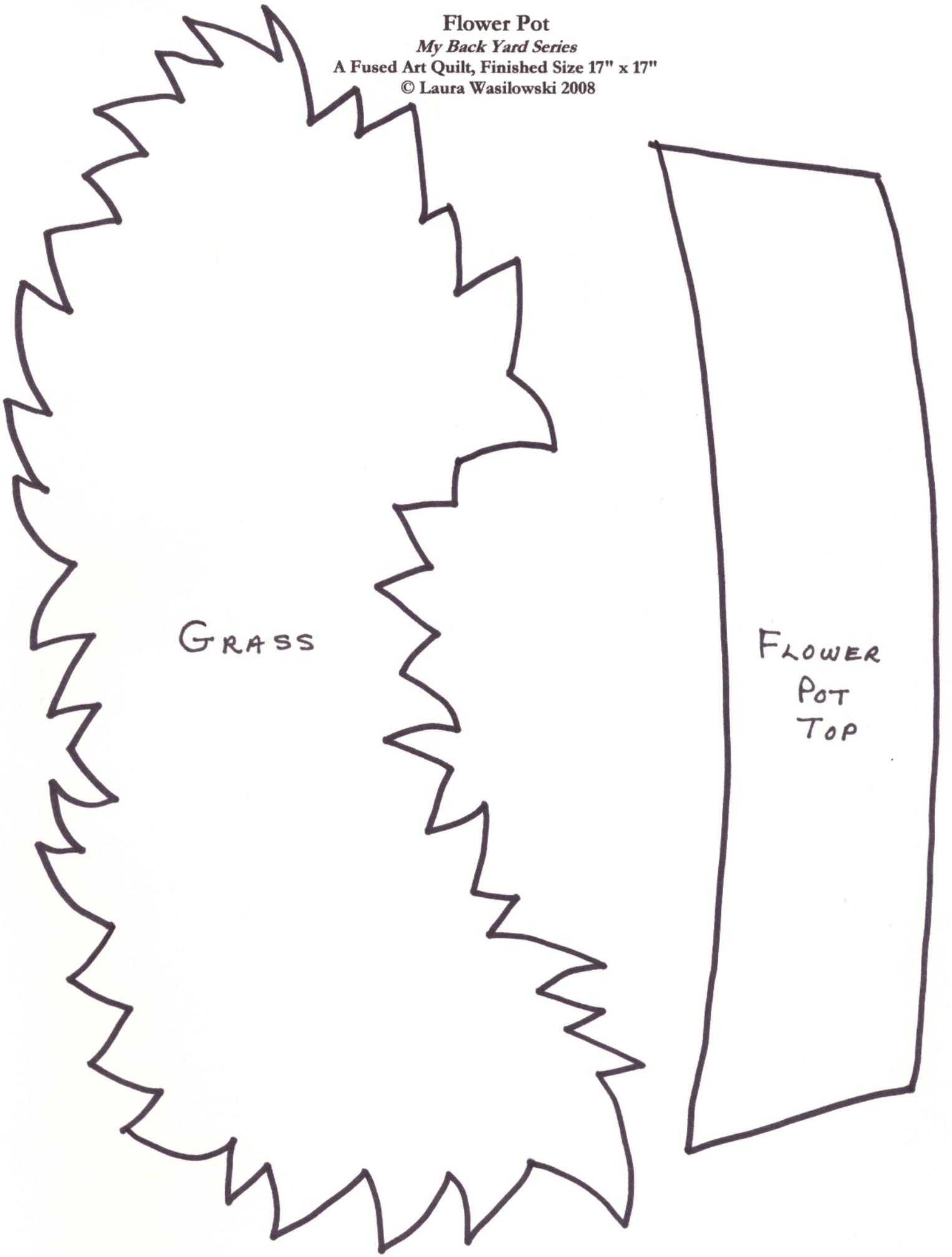
1. Stack the fast2fuse® and batting on the cutting mat and trim each edge in a wavy motion. Cut curves in and out that measure about 1/4" to 1/2" deep with a rotary cutter.
2. Remove the release paper from the background fabric. Center the batting on the back of the quilt top. Flip the batting and quilt top and place on release paper. Steam set the quilt top to the batting for about 10 seconds in each spot. After it cools, remove it from the release paper.
3. Add hand stitching with the size 8 pearl cotton thread and an embroidery needle.
4. Place the quilt top right-side down on the ironing surface. Match the fast2fuse® shape to the batting and put in place. At a corner, fold the quilt top fabric onto the fast2fuse® to form a right angle. Leave a little ease at the tip of the corner to get a sharp point. Fuse-tack the fabric just at the corner.
5. Repeat Step 4 at each corner of the quilt.
6. At a corner, fold one side of the quilt top fabric onto the fast2fuse®. Slowly pull, wrap, and fuse-tack the quilt top to the back following the edge of the fast2fuse®. Stop about mid-way down the edge.
7. At that same corner, fold the other side of the quilt top fabric onto the fast2fuse® making a sharp point at the corner. Slowly pull, wrap, and fuse-tack the quilt top to the back following the edge of the fast2fuse®. Stop about mid-way down the edge.
8. Repeat Steps 6 - 7 around the perimeter of the quilt.
9. Machine stitch the quilt now or after Step 14.
10. Cut 4 strips of fusible web measuring about 1" x 17".
11. Place the strips of fusible web, glue sides down, around the perimeter of the wrong side of the backing fabric. Fuse into place. After the fabric cools, remove the release paper.
12. Trim about 1/2" from the perimeter of the backing fabric using a decorative blade.
13. Center the backing fabric, glue side down, onto the back of the quilt. Fuse-tack into place.
14. Steam set the back of the quilt.
15. Machine stitch the quilt (if not stitched in Step 9).
16. Add a hanging loop to the back of the quilt to display it.

For more information about fusing, read Laura's book *Fanciful Stitches, Colorful Quilts* published by C&T Publishing.

For more about the fabrics used in this pattern visit:

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