

Petite Posies

a paper pieced mini-quilt

For best results, please read all instructions before cutting fabrics and starting to sew.

This pattern contains 4 pages, and includes:

- 8 inch (20.3 cm) **Petite Posies** mini-quilt (or block) pattern, with seam allowances added
- assembly instructions
- coloring page to experiment with your own color ideas



PATTERN PRINTING:

To view and print this PDF pattern, it is highly recommended to use the latest version of the free Adobe Reader XI software.

- 1) In the printer dialog box's "Page Sizing & Handling" section, click the **Size** button.
- 2) Choose "Custom Scale" and input 100%.
- 3) Print a pattern page as a test page.
- 4) Verify the size accuracy by measuring the Print Size Check arrow on the pattern page, which is exactly 1" (2.54 cm) from tip to tip.

PLANNING:

Petite Posies requires some advance planning. Use the coloring page to work out your fabric / color placement before beginning to sew the blocks.

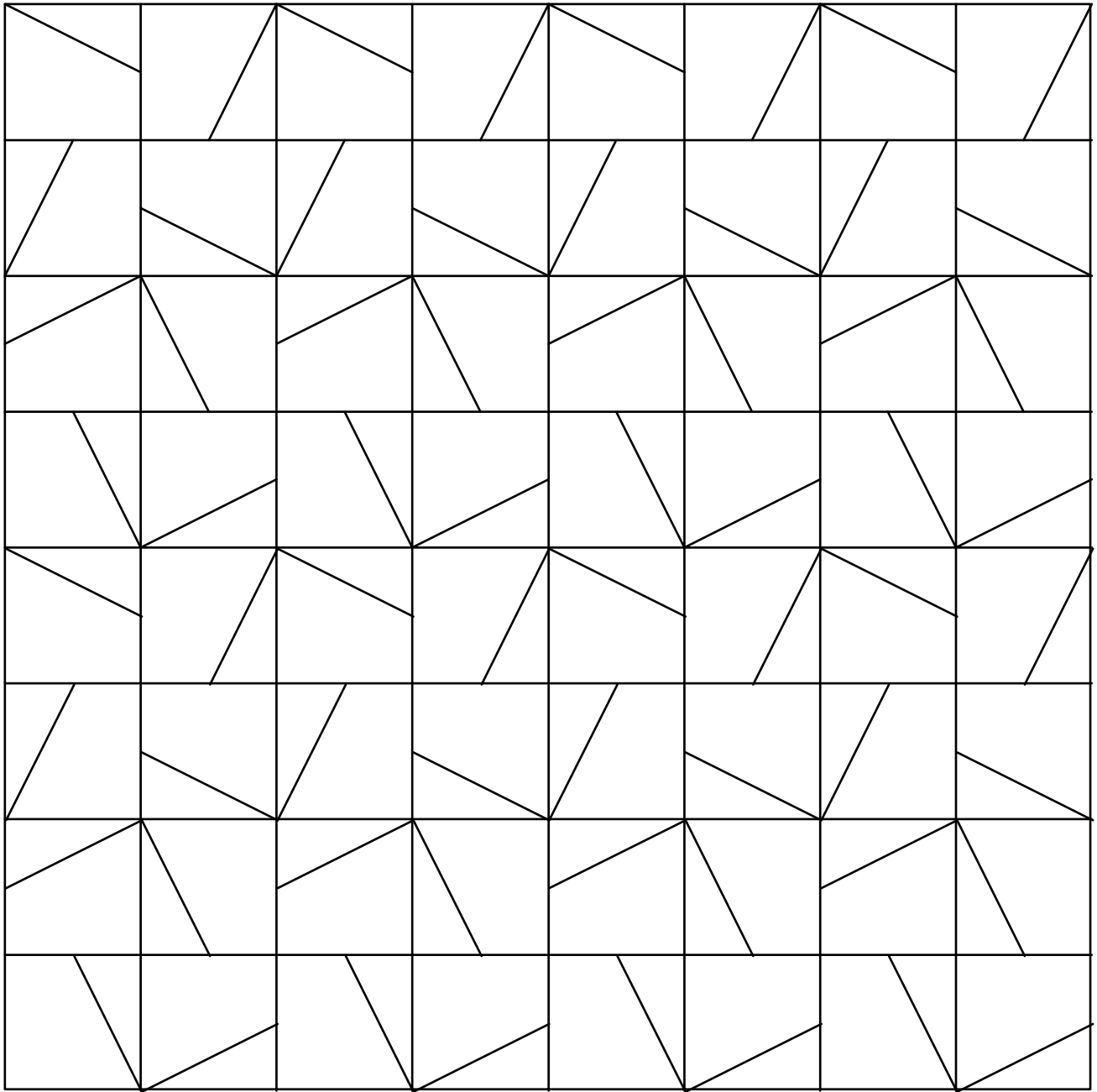
If you're making the mini-quilt as shown and would like each full and half flower to be different, you'll need scraps of 18 different light- and medium-value prints in bright, clear colors.

The background "leaves" should be scraps of a dark tone-on-tone print in the color of your choice - I prefer dark green for this project, but any deep dark color can work well. For the border, choose a small scale or tone-on-tone print which complements, rather than competes, with the profusion of prints and colors used for the flowers. You'll also need a 12x12" square of backing fabric, batting, plus fabric for the binding.

You may also wish to add button or embroidered centers to your flowers; I suggest waiting until the piecing is finished to consider what will work best for your particular project.

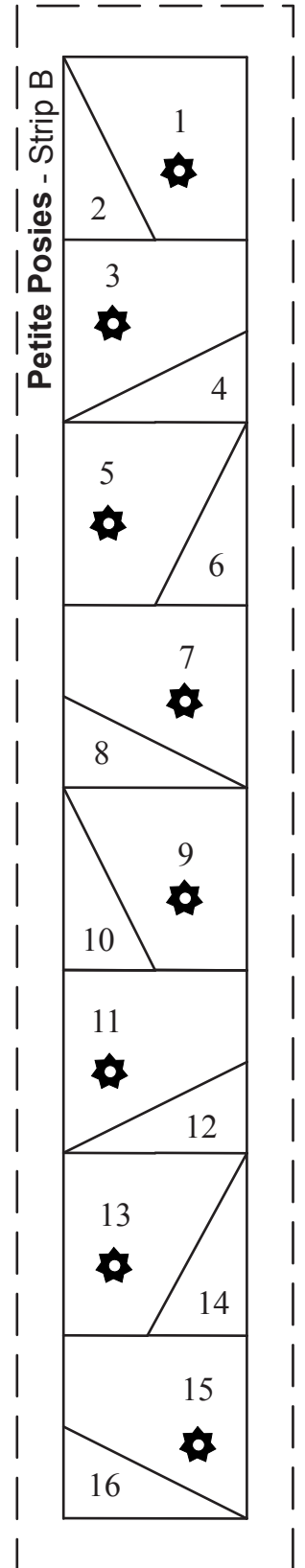
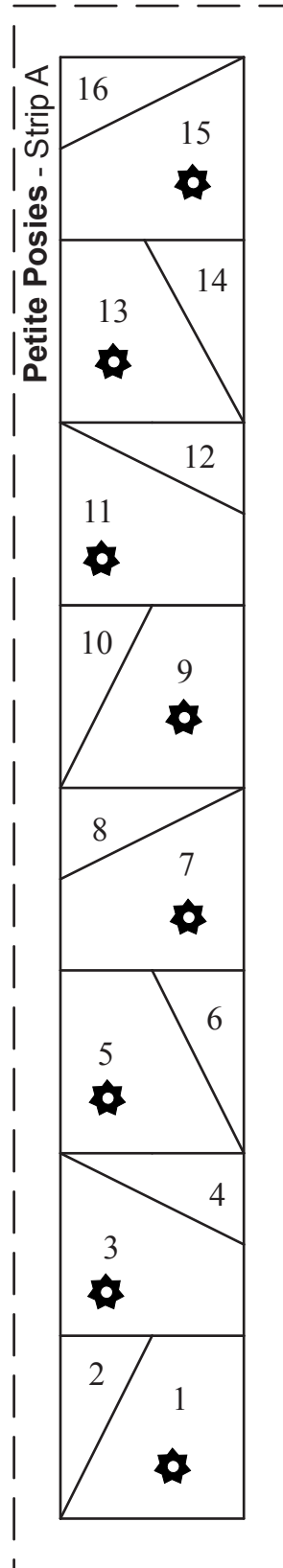
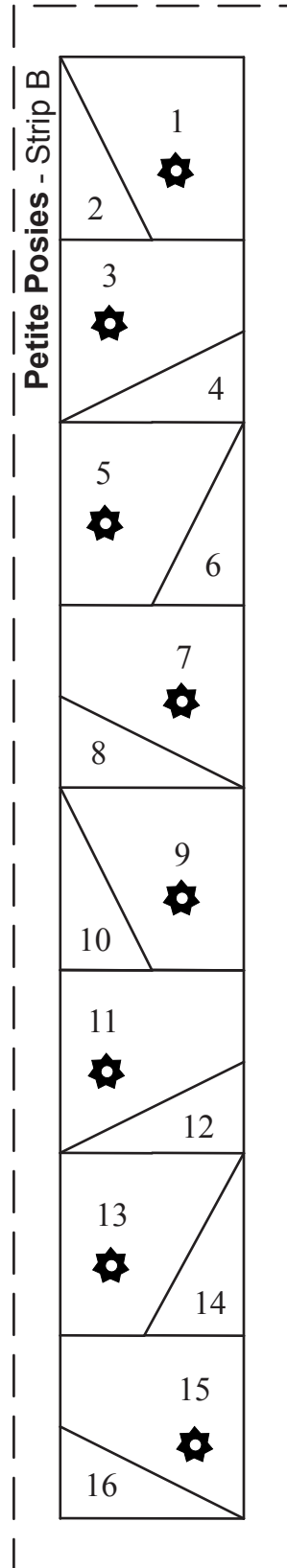
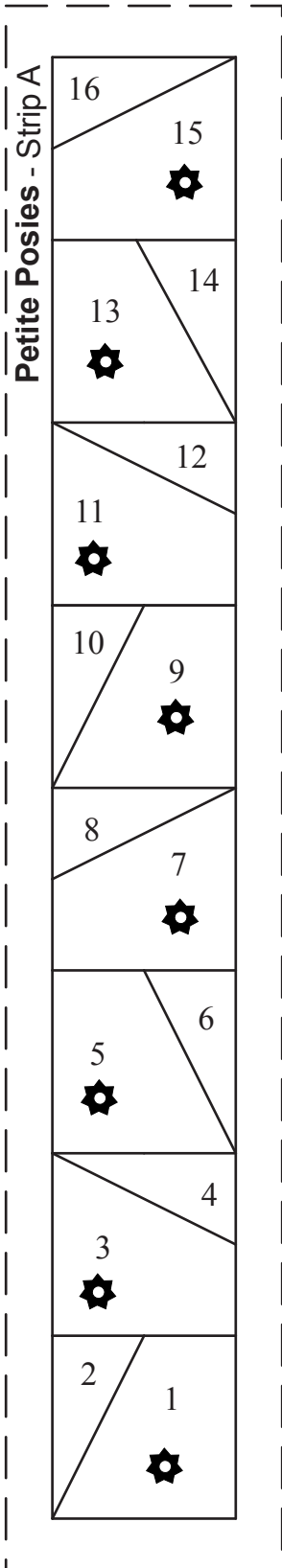
Of course, you can also make your mini-quilt larger, either by adding more pairs of A and B strips, or by enlarging the pattern pieces when printing or photocopying.

Petite Posies coloring page



red line is exactly
1" (2.54 cm)

Make TWO copies of this page for an 8" x 8" mini-quilt



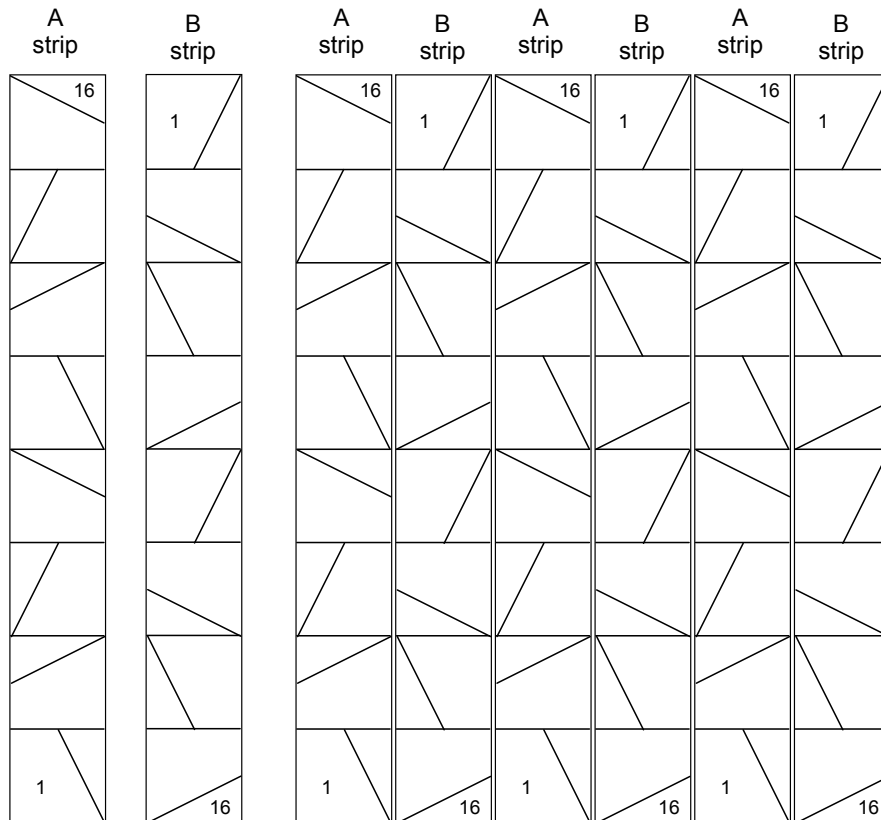
 = flower petal

all unmarked areas (even numbers) should be background fabric

Petite Posies assembly

Paper piece **four each** of Strips A and B. When assembling the mini-quilt, line up the A strips with piece number 16 at the top and B strips with piece number 1 at the top. If you look at the group of strips from the paper (or back) side, all lettering and numbering should be right side up.

The construction diagram below shows the alternating arrangement of the A and B strips as seen from the fabric (or front) side:



Add a small border (1/2" to 1" finished width) on all four sides. Remove all foundation papers.

Quilting of the finished piece is optional. Sewn button centers or embroidery at each flower center, plus a single line of stitching-in-the-ditch around the border perimeter will be sufficient for a project which will not experience heavy use and/or regular washing. If more detail is desired, consider adding embroidery or bead embellishments.

Finish the edges with binding, blanket stitching or other favorite edge treatment. Don't forget to sign and date your work.

Enjoy your quilted mini-garden!