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From the background fabric, cut a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece. Seal the edges with Fray Check to prevent raveling and distortion. Refer to the template page and cut your shapes from the corresponding wool. A layout guide is provided and is the exact size so you could cut you shapes from it as well as from the template sheet. I do not use a fusible so the **pieces are not reversed**. All of my applique was done with 2 strands of floss and an applique stitch except for the circles on the soup cans which were done with a large buttonhole stitch.

The stems are cut freehand at somewhere between 1/8" and a $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Cutting them freehand adds a bit of bumpiness that mimics real stems. I stitched them down by couching over the stems with 2 strands of floss.

Embroidery

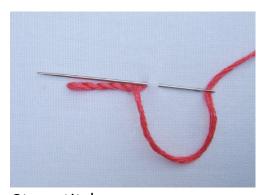
I have used some simple embroidery to add detail to the block. All embroidery was done with 2 strands of floss.

Bee- Stripes on his bottom are straight stitches couched over the wool with dark brown floss. Each stripe is two stitches. Legs and antennae are stem stitches with gold. The detail on the wings are straight stitches with cream floss. Eye is a French knot with black.

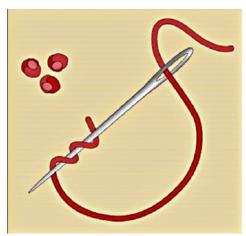
Words-The letters for SOUP were stitched with gold using a stem stitch.

Leaves- The veins were stitched using green and a stem stitch.

Flowers- Flower clusters have 3 French knots stitched with gold in the center area of each. The little bud cluster in the left can has only 1 French knot in the center. Satin stitch the tips of each bud with dark red.

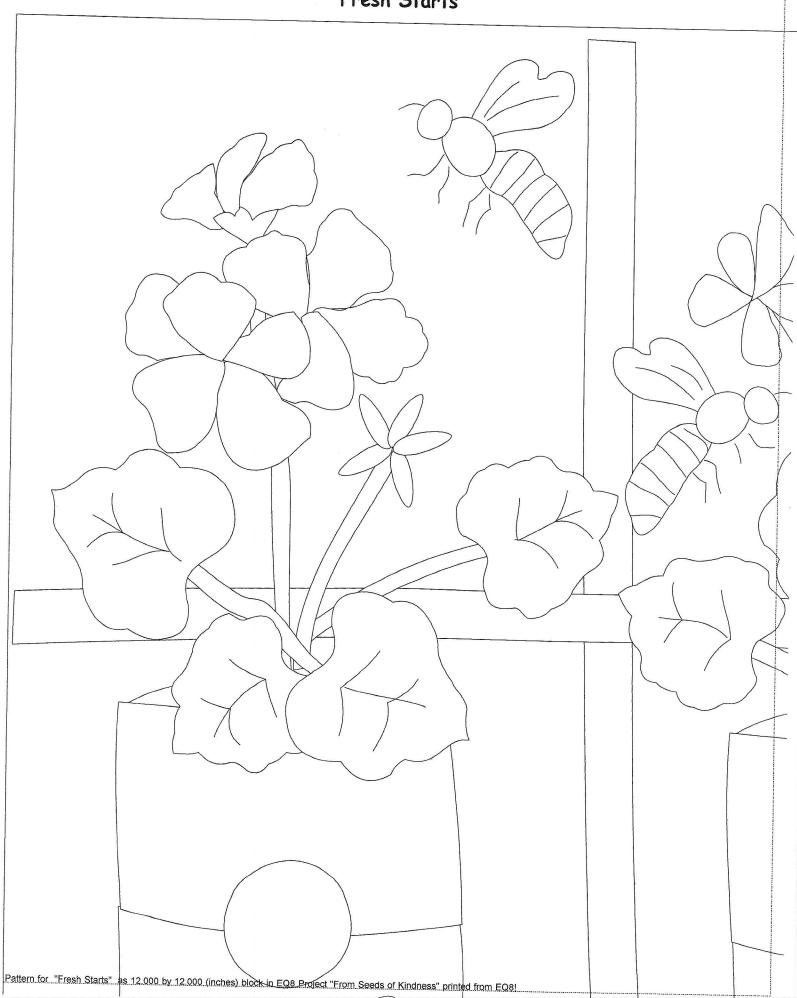


Stem stitch

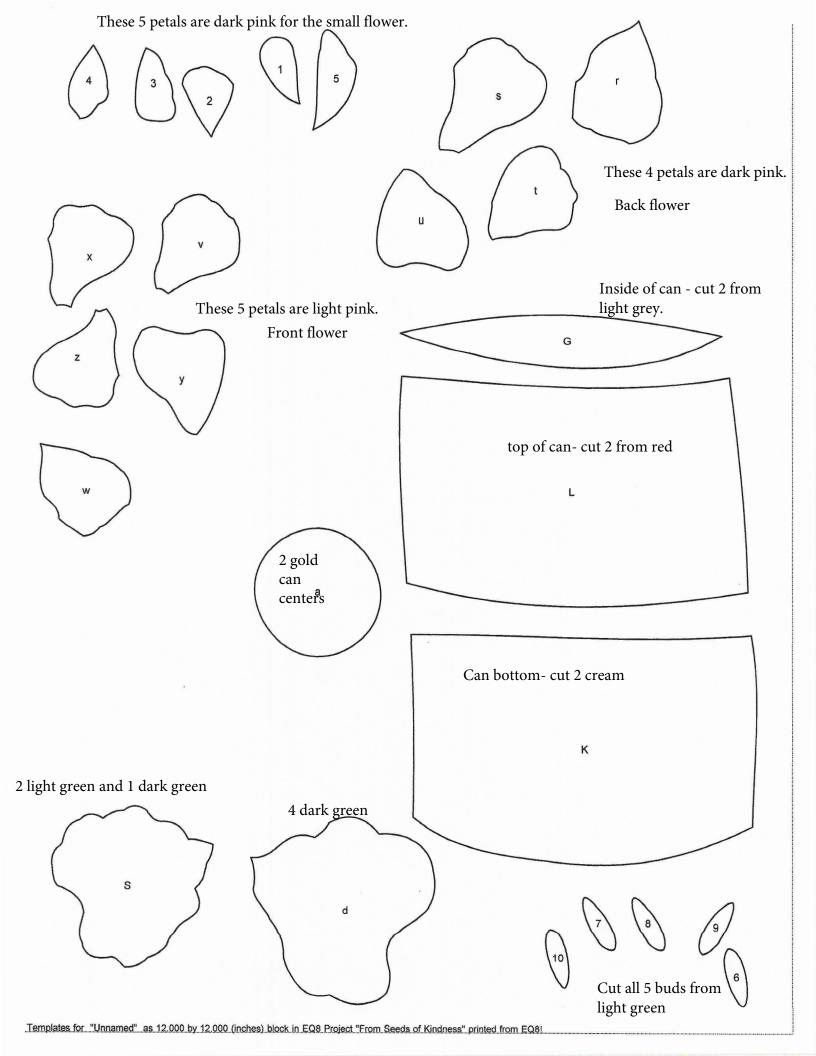


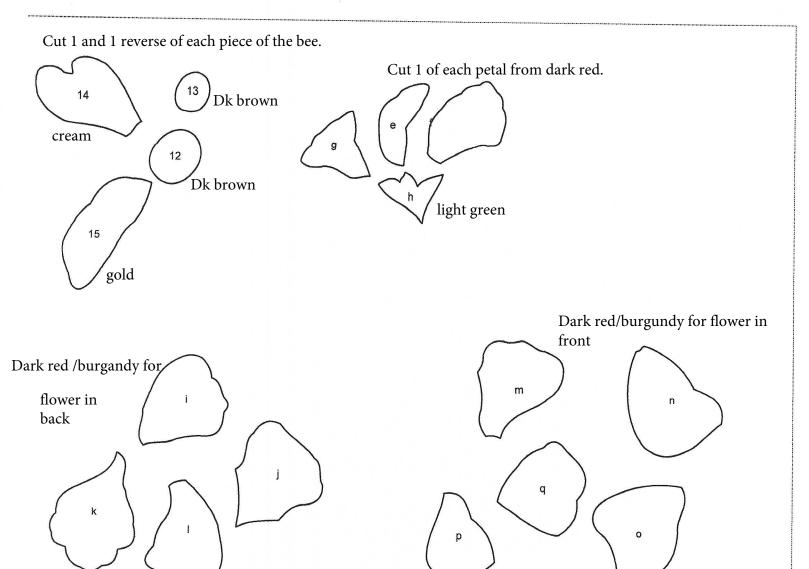
French Knot

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For the window sashing cut 2 - 1/2" x 12" strips.

For the window sill cut 1- 1 1/4" x 12" strip.

All from dark grey.

Stems are all cut free hand at 1/8"

- 1/4". I kept mine wavy for a more natural look. Cut 4 from dark green and 4 from light green.

Fresh Starts Potted Petals Block #8

12" x 12"

Beautiful geraniums bloom from humble beginnings. Bees are busy spreading the pollen in this window sill garden.

Fabric Requirements

Black woven cotton for background- $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ "

Red wool for soup cans- $3" \times 8 \frac{1}{2}"$

Cream wool for soup can and bee's wings- 3" x 9"

Gold wool for can labels and bees- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Light grey for inside of soup cans- 2" x 4"

Dark grey for window sashing and sill- $3" \times 12 \frac{1}{2}"$

Light green for leaves and stems- $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "

Dark green for leaves and stems- 5" x 7"

Dark pink for blooms- 3" x 4"

Light pink for blooms- $2 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $3 \frac{1}{2}$ "

Dark red/burgundy for blooms- $3'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$

Moss brown for bee bodies and heads- $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Embroidery floss in colors to complement your wool choices.

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