

Floral Vignettes - Up Close and Personal!

Approximate 22" X 28" each

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The **Sutherland™ Linen** line by **David Textiles, Inc.** inspired me to make a series of floral images, the minute I saw and touched them. They were soft yet full of texture. I wanted to use each fabric color and found that I could not stop at 3 or 6 or even 9 flowers – eventually I made 12 different flowers. I am showing you 6 of them here to inspire your own efforts... Some are realistic, others are more innovative and some are pure fantasy. Each was quite easy to design and super fast to actually make, because **NO SEWING IS REQUIRED**. These flowers were completely made using fusible webbing!

Please notice that I have also finished off the edges and framing or cropped them in different ways, which adds to the overall impact of each flower. I am showing you a random assortment to inspire your own imagination!

You need about 2-3 free hours to design and completely make your own Floral Vignette - **THAT IS ALL!** You will simply iron your flower fabrics to fusible webbing, then cut assorted shapes – arrange them onto the background fabric and iron permanently into place. Yes, it is true, start to finish under 3 hours! If you want to quilt your flowers or embellish them with thread, yarn, beads or paint – then a bit more time will be invested. Your family and friends will be amazed – so will you! **I'LL BET YOU CANNOT MAKE JUST ONE!**

NOTE: By the way – once you get going, it takes about 1 hour per flower, trust me!

You will also need a few simple inexpensive but essential ingredients per flower; however why not buy 1/8th yard of each color and then pre-fuse all of them? If you do this – you too may find yourself making a grand number, using one idea after another! It does not get more rewarding or fun than this!

FABRICS

Select (1) fabric from the **Sutherland™ Linen** Fabrics Style # 991055 (18 color ways available), for the background and purchase ½ yard.

Select framing fabrics and binding fabric(s) and purchase ¼ yard each.

Select all additional fabrics for the flower and purchase 1/8 yard.

Purchase Steam – A- Seam II made by **Warm Company**. This is an amazing and essential product. Accept no substitutions. This product is why it only takes a short while to make these flowers. Purchase by the sheet package or by the yard. You will need 3 - 5 sheets or 1 - 1½ yards.

Sharp scissors – **(1) large size and (1) small size**. I did use rotary cutting tools for some of my flower parts but scissors are essential.

Cut your background fabric the size you want it to be **PLUS 1"** extra inch all around.

Pre-fuse all of your fabric for the flower parts. **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STEAM – A – SEAM II**. Do what the instructions say – not more or less! You will only need a small rectangle of each flower fabric, fused to the Steam – A – Seam II. About (1) 4" X 15" piece of cloth per fabric.

NOTE: You can always steam more if needed!

All of your **Sutherland™ Linen** fabric Style # 991055 is now your “fabric paint”- so to speak. When fused properly and ready to design with, there should be fabric on one side of the Steam – A – Seam II and paper on the other. **THE PAPER MUST BE ON THE OTHER SIDE**, when cutting the shapes!

Begin by cutting your larger shapes for the flower. Peel off the paper after cutting the shapes. Place the shapes onto the background fabric as desired. Press them by hand onto the background fabric to adhere slightly. **DO NOT IRON** the flower parts, at this time. Iron **AFTER THE FLOWER IS FINISHED AND TO YOUR LIKING**. Steam – A – Seam II, has a slightly sticky quality and will nicely stay where you put/press it, with just a light palm pressing. It will also release and allow you to reposition it at will. **THIS IS A FABULOUS PRODUCT!**

As you continue cutting and layering fabrics your fabrics for the flower parts will naturally be smaller and smaller – ending with the tiny details of each flower. **YOU HAVE FREEDOM AND FUN** with this amazing process, Enjoy!

Every flower was quickly made with Steam – A – Seam II (I cannot design without this amazing product). It was also generously provided by **Warm Company** for these Floral Vignettes! Wholesale only 1-800-234-9276.

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David Textiles, Inc. proudly invited Brielyn Doheny to create her beautiful “Floral Vignettes” out of their **Sutherland™ Linen** line. **David Textiles, Inc.** also sponsored the fabric for this project. For more information, or how to order **Sutherland™ Linen** Style #991055, or how to obtain additional project sheets please contact Isabel Morin-Holmberg at (800) 548-1818 ext. 217 or email her at imorin@davidtextiles.net, to view more fabrics by **David Textiles** please visit our website at www.davidtextilesinc.com.

Hobbs International Batting Company proudly selected and sponsored the batting for this project; its low-loft texture was the perfect companion for the heavier weight of the linen. Many beautiful and diverse quilting patterns were used to show off the beauty and strength of the batting keeping the quilt light and delicate. Wholesale only 1-800-433-3357, sales@hobbsbondedfibers.com.



