Rare flowers grow on prickly cacti and spiny succulents in the Desert Blooms Collection by Maude Asbury. Pretty paisleys, colorful folk designs and whimsical tonals round off the assortment in a color palette of pink, grey, blue and green to create the perfect collection for your next sewing projects. See the entire Desert Blooms Collection on our website: www.blendfabrics.com

Quilt Design by Mary Kay Davis for Threads on the Floor.
DESSERT BLOOMS
by maude asbury

Finished Quilt Size: 53" x 53"
Block Size: 10" Finished

Be sure to read through instructions before beginning. Cutting instructions include 1/4" seam allowance. Yardage is based on 42" of usable fabric width. All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) unless otherwise stated. Press all seams as you assemble your blocks. Border lengths given are exact measurements. You may want to cut borders slightly longer to allow for variations in seams and mitering corners.

Fabric Requirements:

Cactus Block:
Zest Pink 101.148.04.2  5/8 yard
Zest Turquoise 101.148.04.1  3/4 yard
Blooming Paisley Teal 101.148.02.1  1 1/4 yard
Blooming Paisley Pink 101.148.02.2  1 1/4 yard
Desert Blooms Blue 101.148.05.1  1 1/4 yard

Inner Border & Binding:
Painted Totem Aqua 101.148.03.1  3/4 yard

Outer Border, Cactus & Cactus Background:
Spiny Succulents White 101.148.01.2  1-1/4 yards

Backing:
Any Desert Blooms Print  3-1/3 yards

Cactus Blocks:

Using the pattern provided, use your favorite paper piecing method to create the cactus blocks.

Assemble Sections A1-A6 to create Section A and Sections B1 and B2 to create Section B. Sew Section A to Section B to create the left arm of the cactus. Section C is then attached to the bottom of the left arm.

Assemble Sections D1-D4 to create Section D. Attach to the left side of the cactus.

Assemble Sections E1 and E2 to create Section E and Sections F1-F6 to create Section F. Sew Section E to Section F to create the right arm of the cactus. Section G is then attached to the bottom of the right arm. Attach to the rest of the cactus.

Finishing:

**Before adding a border, it is always a good idea to measure the quilt. Measure down the middle and then a few inches in from either side. If the numbers differ, take the average measurement.

Inner Border:
From Painted Totem Aqua - Cut (5) 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Measure across the width of the quilt and cut two of the 2-1/2" strips the measurement of the width of the quilt and attach to the top and bottom of the quilt. Sew the remaining 2-1/2" strips together to create a single strip. Measure the length of the quilt and cut two strips the length of the quilt from that single strip. Attach one to each side of the quilt.

Outer Border:
From Spiny Succulents - Cut (6) 4-1/2" x WOF strips. Sew the strips together to create a single strip. From this strip, cut two strips equal to the top and bottom measurements of the quilt. Add these strips to the top and bottom. Measure the quilt again and cut the remaining strip into two strips the length of the sides of the quilt. Attach to each side of the quilt.

Binding:
From Painted Totem Aqua - Cut (6) 2-1/2" x WOF strips for binding. Sew the strips together to create a single strip. Fold in half lengthwise, press and attach to sides of quilt after quilting.