

Pennsylvania Pot of Flowers



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The general format of a “Pot of Flowers” or as it is sometimes called “The Pride of Iowa” is a four block.

The Pennsylvania Germans enjoyed the fourblock format and loved those delightful colors of red, green, yellow

and pink. They lived simple lives but loved to decorate their homes with bright colors whether it was in the form of art or needlework. The traditional format was altered in the “Pennsylvania Pot of Flowers.” It has an unusual setting with the block designs set on point. Whimsical designs were used to create the arrangement of flowers. You will notice five major blocks with four inset groups of potted flowers. The inner corners display a simplistic design with pots of tulips. Fourteen additional pots of tulips frame the quilt along the border. Grid quilting was used throughout the quilt measuring 12 – 14 stitches per inch. The placement of the potted flowers is visually well balanced. “Pennsylvania Pot of Flowers” is definitely a design that should be passed on to the next generation.