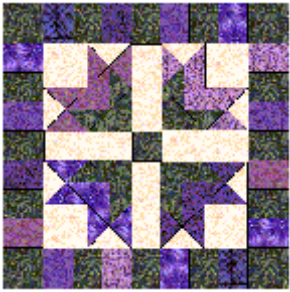



Freezer Paper Piecing Projects
 Graphics, pictures and instructions
 by Shelley Rodgers (pirate_sr@hotmail.com)
 using Judy Martin's November 2002 BOM
 (used with permission from Judy)

View A: checkerboard border, a 14" top

 <p>EQ5 drawing</p>	 <p>Actual top</p>
"Flower" fabric (scrappy purple) and checkerboard border fabric	(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip per flower. Part will be used for the paper pieced block; the remainder will be used for the border. If more variation is desired in the border, a 2-1/2" x WOF strip is required per color.
"Leaf" fabric and checkerboard border fabric	(2) 2-1/2" x WOF strips.
Background fabric	(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip.

Flower Blocks:

Stack the flower strips on top of each other, right sides up. Using a HOT, DRY iron, press the flower paper piecing templates onto the topmost fabric strip, leaving a substantial margin around each piece. Cut out the template fabric stacks.

Do the same with the leaf fabric strips and the background strip.

Construct the flower blocks, using the fabric stacks cut from the flower, leaf and background fabrics.

From the leftover background fabric strip, subcut (4) 4-1/2" segments for the sashing. From the leftover leaf strips, cut (1) 2-1/2" square for the center square..

Center block construction:

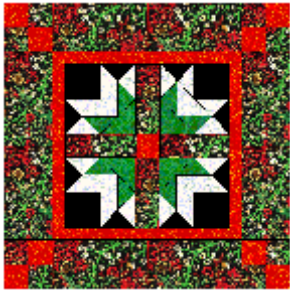

Using the pictures above as a guide, sew the pieced flower blocks, sashing strips and center square together.

Checkerboard border:

Make strip sets with the leftover flower and leaf strips: sew a flower and leaf strip together, right sides together. Press the seam allowance to the darker color. Subcut into 2-1/2" segments.

You will need to 'unsew' 2 segments to separate the flower & leaf fabric squares. The side borders need 2 full segments plus a single flower square. The top/bottom borders need 3 full segments plus a single leaf square. Sew the side borders on first, then the top/bottom borders.

View B: Christmas Floral, 16-1/2" top

 <p>EQ5 drawing</p>	 <p>Actual top</p>
Paper pieced flower block	
"Flower" fabric	(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip
"Leaf" fabric	(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip.
Background fabric	(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip.
Center square, accent & cornerstone fabric	1/8 yard
Border, sashing & cornerstone fabric	3/8 yard

Flower blocks:

Fold the flower fabric strip in half, then fold in half again. You will end up with a short stack of 4 layers of fabric. Using a HOT, DRY iron, press the flower paper piecing templates onto the fabric strip, leaving a substantial margin around each piece. Cut out the template fabric stacks.

Do the same with the leaf fabric strips and the background strip.

Construct the flower blocks, using the fabric stacks cut from the flower, leaf and background fabrics.

Center square, accent strip & cornerstone fabric:

- a. cut (1) 3/4" x WOF strip. Do not subcut. This is the accent strip.
- b. cut (1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip. Subcut (1) 2-1/2" square for the center. Re-cut the remainder of the strip down to 2" wide. The 2" wide strip will be used to make a strip set for the 4-patch cornerstone.

Border, sashing & cornerstone fabric:

- a. cut (1) 3-1/2" x WOF strip. Subcut into (4) 11" segments. If your fabric is less than 44" useable inches, then cut (3) 11" segments. You will cut the fourth segment in step c. These are the border strips.
- b. cut (1) 2" x WOF strip. This will be used for the 4-patch cornerstone.
- c. **Read this step before cutting!**
 - if you could only cut 3 11" segments in step a, then cut (1) 3-1/2" x WOF. Subcut the remaining 11" segment. Re-cut the 3-1/2" strip down to 2-1/2". Subcut into (4) 4-1/2" segments for the sashing..
 - if you were able to cut the 4 11" segments in step a, then cut (1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip. Subcut into (4) 4-1/2" segments for the sashing.

Center block construction:

Using the pictures above as a guide, sew the pieced flower blocks, the 4" sashing strips and center square together.

4-patch cornerstones:

Make a strip set from the 2" strips of the border fabric and accent fabric. Press seam to the darker color. Subcut into 2" segments. Re-sew the segments into (4) 4-patch squares. Two of the 11" borders strips will need to have a 4-patch cornerstone sewn on each end. These will be the side borders.

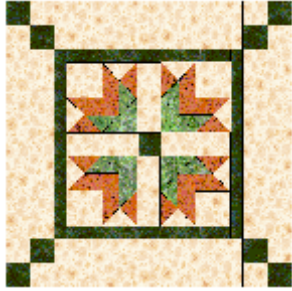

Accent strip:

Sew the 3/4" accent strip to the top; press flat; cut off even with the end of the paper pieced center block. Repeat for the bottom. Repeat for both sides.

Borders:

Sew a 11" border strip (without the 4-patch cornerstones) on the top/bottom of the paper pieced center block. Sew the remaining border strips (with the 4-patch cornerstones) to the sides.

View C: a 16-1/2" top

 <p style="text-align: center;">EQ5 drawing</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Actual top</p>
<p>Paper pieced flower block</p>	
<p>"Flower" block</p>	<p>(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip</p>
<p>"Leaf" fabric</p>	<p>(1) 2-1/2" x WOF strip.</p>
<p>background fabric</p>	<p>subcut from border, sashing & cornerstone fabric</p>
<p>Center square, accent & cornerstone fabric</p>	<p>1/8 yard</p>
<p>Border, sashing & cornerstone fabric</p>	<p>1/2 yard</p>

Cut a 2-1/2" x WOF strip from the border, sashing & cornerstone fabric and use for the background fabric in the paper pieced flower blocks.

Follow the same cutting and sewing directions as for the Christmas Floral top.