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Fandango Filing Cabinet Cover by Cara Wilson

Hey everyone! I'm Cara from CaraQuilts {<http://www.caraquilts.com>} and I've got a great project today to hide that ugly filing cabinet we all have somewhere! Instead of cold grey metal, how about looking at some luscious fabrics, like these from the beautiful and talented Kate Spain!

This pattern requires you to do some math if your filing cabinet is sized differently than mine, which is a standard two drawer legal size one (whoa that's a mouthful). It measured 29" long, 27" high and 15" across.

As always, please read through the pattern first and message me over at my blog if you have any questions.

Ingredients:

2 layer cakes
1 yard "border"
5 yards backing

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Instructions:

Cutting

WOF= Width of Fabric, from selvage to selvage.

(3) 2 1/2" x WOF border fabric, sub cut to (4) 2 1/2" x 10 1/2" and (4) 2 1/2" x 14 1/2"

(1) 4" x WOF border fabric, subcut (2) 15 1/2" strips

Directions

All seams should be 1/4".

Center Section:

Separate your layer squares according to color.



Take 8 layer squares (4 matching pairs) and draw a line on the light squares diagonally corner to corner. Lay a dark and light square right sides together into 4 pairs. Stitch 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Cut along the line and press towards the dark. These are half square triangles (HST) and this is the method to I used whenever you see make HST in this pattern.



Choose 8 squares for the "setting". Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the wrong side. Lay one of the setting squares on top of the half square triangle, right sides together.

Stitch on either side of the line. Cut on the line and press towards the "setting".

The blocks need to be trimmed to 8". Line up your ruler with the 4x4 mark on the center of the block. Trim. Rotate the block and line up the edges on the 8" lines, and trim.

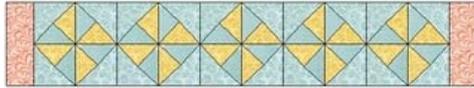
Lay out the blocks so that they create a pinwheel. You will use two from each of the matching sets.

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Stitch together the top pieces and bottom pieces. Press in opposite directions so you can “snap” them together. Stitch the top and bottom together. Press. Repeat for all blocks.

Create one more “set” of pinwheels. This time lay them out before you trim. Trim one set to 8” as before. This one goes in the middle of the pinwheels.

The other set needs to be trimmed to 5 ¾” and once it is stitched together, set aside for the side section. This will be part of one of the pockets.

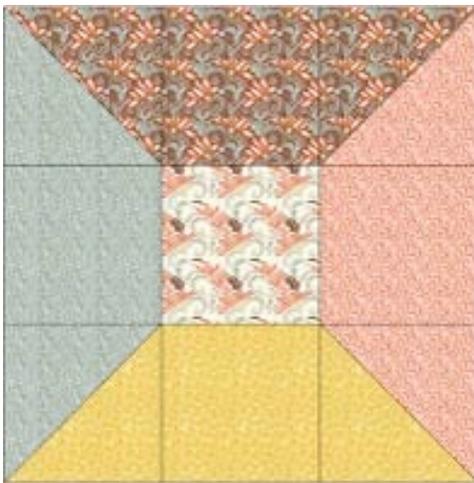


Take the 4” x 15 ½” border strips and stitch to either end of the section Press towards the strip.

Side Sections:

You will be making two matching side sections.

You will need 5 layer squares cut to 9 ½”.



Take four layer squares, two of four different colors, and create eight HSTs.

A note ... if you are not the quilting queen of the scant ¼”, which I am not, stitch a few extra threads shy of the ¼” so you will be able to trim the HST accurately.

Trim to 9 ½” square.

Stitch into a 9-patch according to the diagram.

Take two matching layer squares, I used the multi-colored strip, and cut (6) 2 ½” x 10” strips. Stitch together to make (2) 29” strips. Stitch these to what will be the top of the side, or the bottom if you prefer.

Pockets

Take the smaller pinwheel from the center section and stitch a 2 ½” x 10 ½” strip on the top and bottom. Press towards the strips. Attach the 2 ½” x 14 ½” strip to the sides. Press away from the center. This will be one of the pockets.

Cut one 5x10” strip from two fabrics. Subcut to 5”. Make another 4 HSTs. Layout in a pinwheel, with the point of one color in the center. Stitch together.

Take one layer square and cut it diagonally into 4 triangles. These are the setting triangles for the pinwheel. Stitch along the long edge to the top and bottom of the pinwheel. Press away. Attach along the sides and press. Trim to 10 ½”. Stitch a 2 ½” x 10 ½” on the top and bottom. Press towards the strips. Attach the 2 ½” x 14 ½” strips to the sides. Press away from the center.

You will need to fill the remaining three corners so that this big thing can be quilted. I have two patterns up on my blog if you like or you can use solid fabric, or any pattern that gives you a 29” square top.

Stitch all the sides together and then stitch them to either side of the center section.

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Quilt.

After quilting, cut out the four corners leaving you something looking like a "t" or a cross.

Bind. Mine had 320" of binding. Yes, I am sorry about that part.

To make the pockets take the cut out square and cut out the 2 pinwheels, including the edging. Cut a matching size of the plain fabric. These will yield a total of four pockets. I layered mine so I had two pockets on each side of my cabinet.



Pocket Option #1

Fold over the edge on one side of each square and press. Stitch it down on the "wrong" side.

Layer two squares right side to wrong. Lay the plain square right side down, and then lay the pinwheel also right side down. Stitch around the three sides that were not pressed and stitched.



Turn inside right and poke out the corners and press.

This is your double pocket. Lay in the center of a side section, making sure it is facing up, and with a walking foot stitch 1/4" all around, leaving the top open.



Pocket Option #2

Trim both the pinwheel square and the plain square to the same size. Now trim down the plain square about 1" more. At the point I was done binding so I just pressed a 1/4" allowance all around each block and stitched down. Laying the square so that the wrong sides are facing up. Stitch over the folded over fabrics stitch line on the smaller of the pockets. See the picture.



To attach the pocket to the cover, line it up over the centre square, right side facing you. Stitch 1/4" in from the edge on the outer pocket.

And there you are!

Yield:



One beautiful looking filing cabinet!

Make sure to leave us a comment if you like it! Also upload a picture to the Moda Bake Shop flickr group if you make one so we can all see!

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