

Size: approx. 86"x86"

Oak Leaves & Reel

convenience quilt
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Fabric is like your hair...it has good days and it has bad. If the weather is hot it curls (shrinks) up and if it is cold, it will be as straight and flat as the interstate across Kansas. And so it goes with *Oak Leaves and Reel*. The width of fabric is always true, but the length is subject to many variables – the finishing temperature (*the process that gives our fabric it's feel (hand)*); the origin of the greige goods (*the plain cloth on which each collection is printed*); and weather conditions on the day of printing. This is to say, the blocks in this collection will vary slightly in length.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS WITH CONVENIENCE QUILT BLOCKS AND PANELS.

1. Measure, measure, measure.
2. Always follow the grain line when joining blocks. i.e. Sew length to length and width to width. Remember any difference will be in length not in width.
3. Anticipate variables. Measure all sides of quilt top before cutting and sewing next border. Adjust length of border as needed. Example: If the sawtooth border was a ¼" too long, make 2 or 3 tiny seams (tucks) at the "seam" line of 2 or 3 half square triangle blocks.

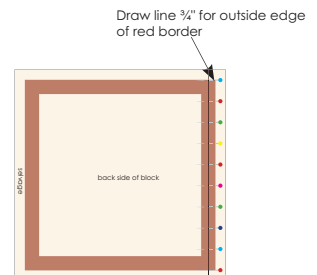
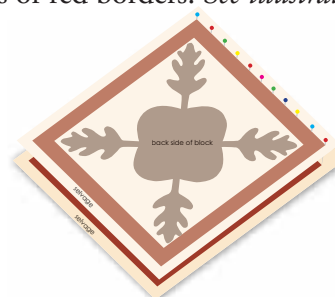
Fabric Requirements

- 10 applique blocks (need 9)approx. 3½ yds.
- Sawtooth squares (inner border) 1½ yds.
- Oak leaf & Acorn border stripe..... 2 yds.
- Green raspberries (corner block)¼ yd.
- Brown prairie posies (corner block).....¼ yd.
- Backing 7¾ yds.
- Binding..... 1yd.

Construction

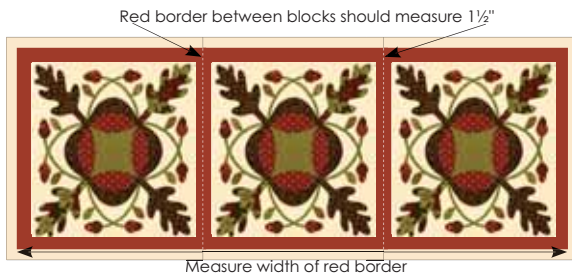
CENTER BLOCKS

1. Cut blocks in pairs across width of fabric. **DO NOT** cut blocks apart.
2. Fold blocks, right sides together. Match and pin to align edges of red borders. *See illustration.*



3. Using a chalk pencil, mark a line ¾" from outside edge of red border.

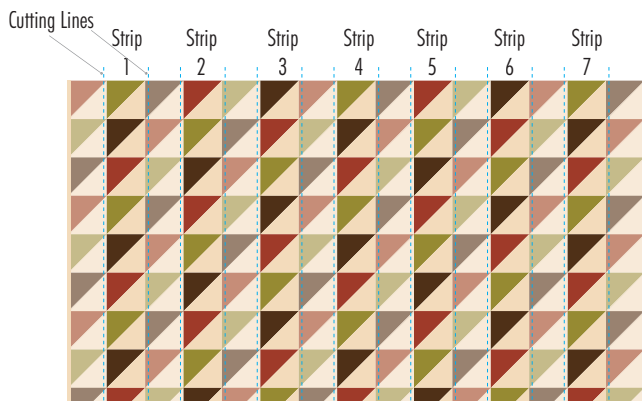
4. Stitch on marked line to join blocks.
5. Open blocks – red border between applique blocks should measure 1½". Adjust seam if necessary.
6. Trim seam to ¼". Repeat with two remaining pairs.
7. Repeat Steps 1-6 to add third block to each row. *Make sure third block's grain matches the first two.*
8. Measure width of red border on all three rows.
9. Follow Steps 1-6 above to join rows together.



SAWTOOTH INNER BORDER

1. Prepare sawtooth border strips by cutting ¼" on each side of half square triangle blocks.

Important: Cut border strips from the length of fabric, not from selvage to selvage. Don't forget to include seam allowance when cutting.



2. Measure top and bottom of quilt center. Cut and piece top and bottom sawtooth borders strip to match measurement. Top and bottom borders should measure approx. 3½" x 60½"
3. Add top and bottom sawtooth borders to quilt. Press.
4. Measure length of quilt including top and bottom borders. Prepare sawtooth borders for sides of quilt to match measurement. Side borders should measure approx. 3½" x 66½"
5. Sew side border to quilt top. Press.

CORNER SQUARES

1. From both green and brown fabrics cut:
2 – 11¼" x 11¼" squares – cut twice diagonally
2. Join a green and brown triangle on short side – green first then brown. Press toward brown. Make 8 pairs.
3. Sew triangle units into 4 corner squares. Press. Set aside.



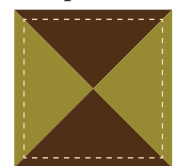
OUTER BORDER

1. Prepare border fabric by cutting the border strips from the length of fabric.

NOTE: Now is the time to decide if you want to include the green stripe in the border. If yes, then cut each border strip ¼" beyond outside edge of the green line. If no, then cut the border strip on the outside edge of the green line.



2. Measure quilt top from side to side and top to bottom. Cut border strips to match these measurements.
3. Sew border strips to side of quilt top. *Note: Fabric is directional so check before sewing.*
4. Measure width of acorn/leaf border strip. Using a rotary ruler, "square-up" corner square blocks to that measurement. It should measure approx. 10" x 10"
5. Add corner squares to opposite ends of remaining border strips. Press.
6. Join border units to quilt top. Press.



FINISHING

Layer, Quilt and Bind.

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