

Backdoor Friends

designed by Plain Jane Creations

Material List

- 1/2 yard Warm & Natural® cotton batting
- 1/2 yard Calico (Back)
- 1/4 yard Calico (Center Top)
- 1/8 yard Calico (Inside Border)
- 1/8 yard Calico (Outside Border)
- STEAM-A-SEAM 2® Fusible Web
- Various Calico Fabric Scraps
- Quilting Needle (Size 12 Recommended)
- Quilting Thread or Linen Jute
- Buttons
- Fine Line Permanent Marker
- Green Embroidery Floss #890

Cutting Instructions

1. Cut one 5 1/2" x 6 1/2" calico for quilt top center.
2. Cut one 1 1/4" x 45" calico for inside border .
3. Cut twenty-eight 1 1/2" squares of various calico fabrics.
4. Cut various lengths of 2" strips for the outside border to equal about 50" when sewn together.
5. Cut one 1 1/4" x 45" strip of calico for outside border
6. Cut one 15" square of calico and Warm & Natural® for the quilt back and batting.



Appliqué Transfer Method

1. Use a sharp pencil and trace over the words "Backdoor Friends Are Best." (For best tracing, tape the pattern of the quilt top to a window or light box. Center the quilt top over the design.) Then, use a fine line black permanent marker and trace over the words again or handwrite words instead of tracing.
2. Following package instructions, trace flower pot, hearts, flowers onto STEAM-A-SEAM 2®.
3. Stick STEAM-A-SEAM 2® onto the wrong side of the fabric for appliqué pieces. Cut out pieces.
4. Stick appliqué pieces to center quilt top.
5. Arrange the appliqué pieces as shown on back. Iron permanently in place.

Piecing

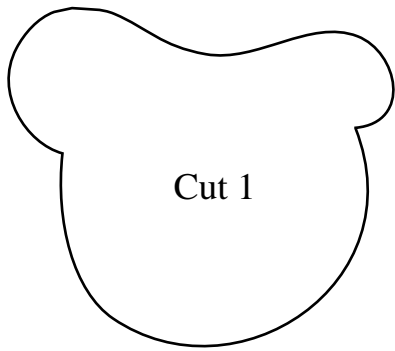
1. Use a 1/4" seam allowance. Press all seam allowances away from center after sewing each side border on.
2. Sew the top and bottom borders on by cutting the lengths after pinning them on. Repeat this process for the sides. This way you have a quilt top with no pulling and it lays perfectly flat.
3. Sew six squares together for the top inner pieced border and six squares for the bottom. Sew to the top and bottom of the quilt. (You will notice that the six squares do not fit perfectly on the top. You will have to trim the extra off. This is okay! In fact it is great. This is a primitive quilt and nothing is perfect. So, enjoy your imperfection. It will be the same for the sides as well.)
4. Sew eight squares together for each of the side, inner, pieced borders. Sew these strips to each of the sides.
5. Sew your various 2" wide strips together to make one long strip (approx. 50" long).
6. Pin the length along the top. Cut and sew. Repeat this process for the bottom of the quilt and then for the two sides.
7. Pin the length of the outside border to the top. Cut and sew. Repeat process for bottom and sides.

Finishing Touches

1. Lay the quilt top on Warm & Natural®. Smooth with your hands and pin in several places. Trim off excess Warm & Natural.
2. Pencil in the flower stems. Use two strands of green floss and backstitch the stems.
3. Lay the quilt-back on the quilt-top with the right sides together. Trim the back to fit quilt top. Pin all the way around. Sew, using 1/4" seam and leaving approx. 2" open for turning.
4. Trim the corners and turn right side out. Use some sort of utensil such as a chop stick or pencil end to push the corners out. Press. Whip stitch the opening closed.
5. Pin the quilt top with several pins.
6. Using quilt thread, linen jute or whatever you would like to quilt with, quilt around the outside edge of the quilt top center. Quilt again around the inside edge of the outside border. (If this is confusing, look at the cutting instructions and diagram for reference.)
7. Tie buttons to the second border using floss or linen jute. You can also tie buttons on every third square and the center of each flower with the knot to the front. Enjoy!

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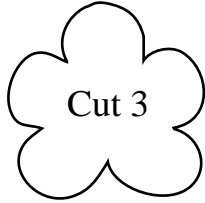
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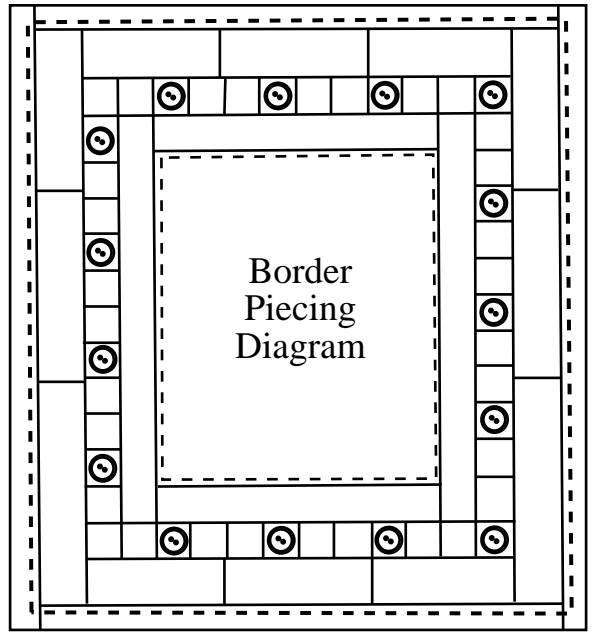
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Cut 3



Cut 2

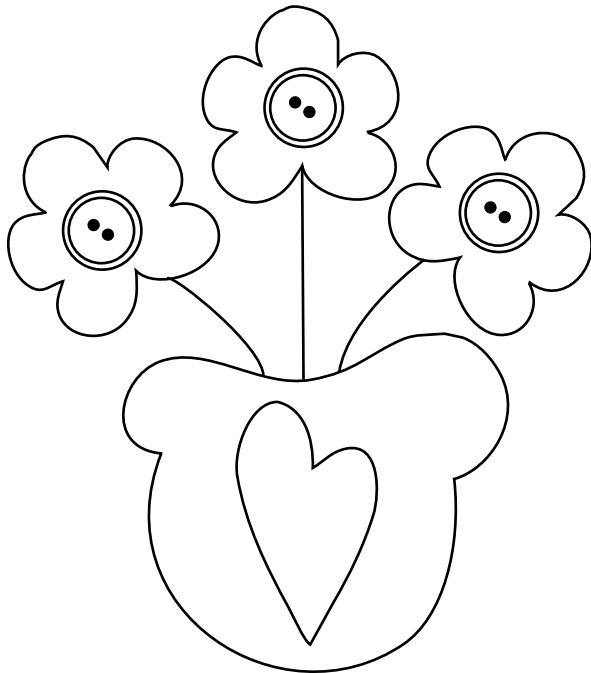


Border
Piecing
Diagram



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Center Quilt Top