Dance with the Fairies
fabric collection by
elinor peace bailey

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Backings: 3 1/2 yards Your favorite Dance with the Fairies fabric

Heat-resistant template plastic or heavy cardboard - make 7½" circle template

Cutting

Fabric A - cut:
•(8) 8" circles

Fabric B - cut:
•(3) 6½" x wof (width of fabric) strips

Fabric C - cut:
•(3) 6½" x wof strips

Fabric D - cut:
•(2) 6½" x wof strips; cut into (8) 6½" squares

Fabric E - cut:
•(3) 3½" x wof strips; cut into (32) 3½" squares

Fabrics F, G and H - from each fabric cut:
•(3) 2" x wof strips

Fabric I - cut:
•(6) 2½" x wof binding strips
•(3) 2" x wof strips

Fabric J - cut:
•(5) 1½" x wof border strips
•(4) 4½" squares

Fabric K - cut:
•(5) 3½" x wof border strips

Making Block A

1. Sew together one fabric B strip and one fabric C strip along their long edges to make a strip set. Press the seam allowances in one direction. Make a total of (3) strip sets. Cut these strip sets into (16) 6½" segments.

2. Sew together two segments from step 1 to make a four-patch block. Make a total of (8) blocks.

3. Using the fabric A circles and leaving at least 2" of thread at the beginning, sew a small running stitch around each fabric circle about ¼" from the edge. On the wrong side of a fabric circle, place the circle template in the center of the fabric circle. Pull the thread ends to draw the seam allowance around the template. Steam press the circle and carefully remove the circle template. Gently pull the threads to tighten the seam allowance again. Tie a knot and trim the thread. Pin a fabric circle in the center of each four-patch block and appliqué in place by hand or use a small machine zigzag stitch.
4. On the wrong side of the block, carefully cut a slit in the fabric behind the appliquéd circle, taking care not to cut the fabric circle. Cut away the excess fabric behind the circle, leaving at least a ¼" seam allowance. Make (8) A blocks.

Making Block B

1. Lay out one 2" strip each of fabrics F, G, H and I, starting with fabric F and alternating the light and dark strips. Join the strips along their long edges to make a strip set. Press the seam allowances in one direction. Make a total of (3) strip sets. Cut these strip sets into (32) 3½" segments.

2. Sew a fabric E square to each end of a segment from step 1 to make a side unit; press. Make (16) units.

3. Sew a segment from step 1 to the sides of a fabric D square to make a center unit; press. Refer to the photo as needed for fabric placement guidance. Make (8) units.

4. Sew a side-unit to each remaining side of a center unit to complete block B. Make a total of (8) B blocks.

Quilt Assembly

1. Arrange the blocks in four rows of four blocks each, alternating the blocks as shown below. Sew the blocks together into rows; press. Sew the rows together and press.

2. Sew the fabric J strips together end to end. From this strip, cut (4) 48½"-long strips.

3. Sew the fabric K strips together end to end. From this strip, cut (4) 48½"-long strips.

4. Join one long fabric J strip and one long fabric K strip along their long edges to make a border strip. Make a total of (4) border strips.

5. Sew a border strip to each side of the quilt top as shown in the photo. Sew a fabric J square to each end of both remaining border strips and sew them to the top and bottom of the quilt top.

6. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing; baste. Quilt as desired. Using the 2¼"-wide fabric I strips, bind the edges to finish. Add a label to the back of your quilt and enjoy!

Quilt layout