

Corralling the Scraps

63" x 88.5"

To make the quilt pictured:



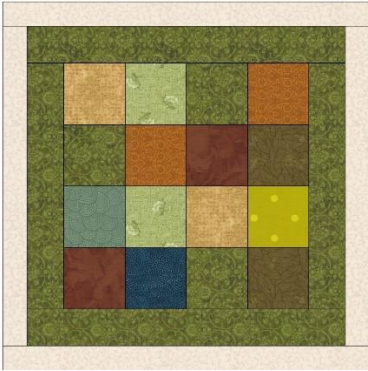
This quilt is made up of one block – 15.5" (before sewing into the top) and looks like this:



You need:

- 2 yards of nature fabrics cut into 3" squares
- 4 7/8 yards of green for the background and sashing/borders
- 1 7/8 of cream
- 1/2 yard of your color choice for the binding.

Cut:



For one main block: (total for entire quilt in parenthesis)

From nature fabric –

- 16 - 3" squares (192)

From green:

- 2– 2" x 10½" strips (24)
- 2– 2" x 13½" strips (24)

From cream:

- 2– 1½" x 13½" strips (24)
- 2– 1½" x 15½" strips (24)

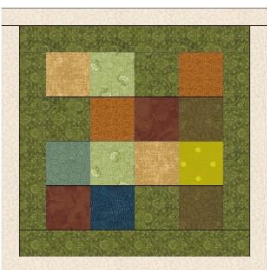
For sashings and cornerstones:

From green:

- 31 – 2½" x 15½"
- 20 – 2½" squares

Borders will be dealt with later under "How to make this quilt"

How to make this block:



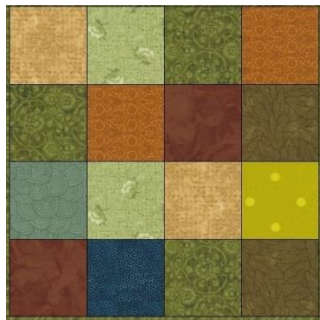
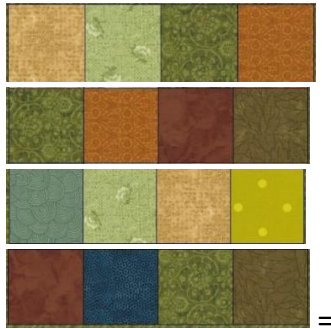
This is a large 15" block – using 3" squares. I used nature themed blocks and since they are animals, I made them directional.

I did not strip piece but made each strip individually as I had cut the blocks previously when cleaning up some scraps.

Make your blocks

Sew 4 of your squares together, pay attention if you are using a directional print.

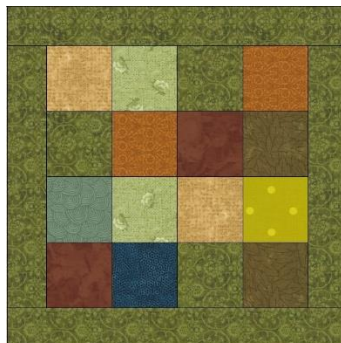
Do this 4x and then sew all 4 of those strips together. I press my seams first one direction, and then the other.



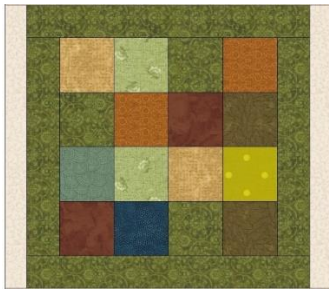
Now add your green 2"x10.5" strips to the side of this center



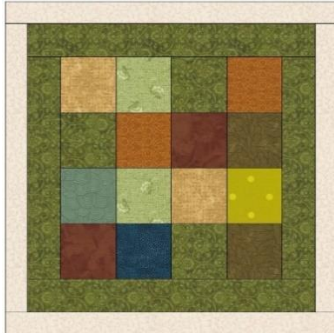
Then add 2"x13.5" green strips to the top and bottom like this:



Now add your 1.5" x 13.5" strips to the sides like this:



And finally add your 1.5"x15.5" cream strips to the top and bottom



How to put together this quilt:

1. Using this diagram for the center of the quilt, make your rows as shown below:



Make a row of your blocks by alternating a sashing strip and a block, beginning and ending with a sashing strip:



Make 5 rows of sashing and cornerstone blocks like this using 4 cornerstones and 3 sashing strips – beginning and ending with a cornerstone. I used cornerstones instead a single long strip to help things stay in place.



Once your rows are complete, now put them together as per the diagram above.

2. Add borders:

A. First border: cream

- Cut 2 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $70\frac{1}{2}$ " piecing as necessary to get the needed length. Attach to sides.
- Cut 2 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $55\frac{1}{2}$ " piecing as necessary to get the needed length Attach to top and bottom.

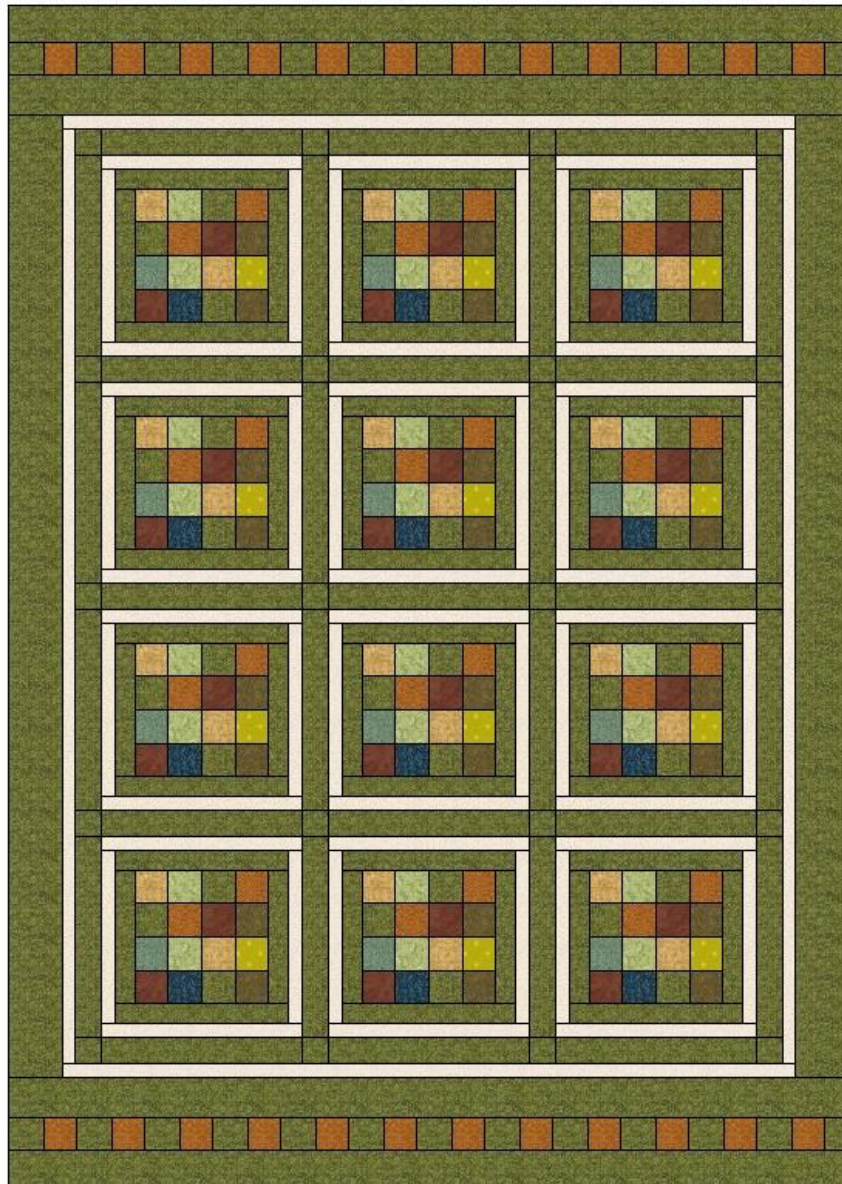
B. Second border: green

- Cut 2 – $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $72\frac{1}{2}$ ". Piece as necessary to get the length. Add to the sides.
- Cut 4 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $63\frac{1}{2}$ ". Piece as necessary to get the length needed. Add 1 piece to top and bottom. Now cut 13 more (I used leftover blocks since I had too many) 3" nature blocks and 14 3" green blocks. Attach together every other 3" square, press, and then center that strip to the bottom of the quilt top and cut off the extra green block as it will hang over the edge. Repeat for the top. Pay attention to the direction if your prints are directional.



Once you have that row of nature squares added, attach your last $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 63" green strip to the top and bottom.

Final layout looks like this:



- C. Press well.
- D. Sandwich, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer.
- E. Quilt as desired. I did an overall design with hearts and loops since it was for my friend battling cancer.
- F. Bind, using whatever method you wish.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

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