

BIRDS OF A FEATHER BOM – QUILT TOP ASSEMBLY

Fabric Requirements

- Outer border and binding - 1 yard coordinating solid quilting cotton or linen/cotton blend (I used Pepper Cory Shot Cotton in Coffee Bean)
- Inner border
 - Option 1 – ½ yard quilting color or cotton/linen blend in color that highlights a color in your quilt
 - Option 2 – Scraps of various colored quilting cottons or cotton/linen blends (I used 5 different cotton prints in colors that matched my quilt block colors)

Instructions

1. Cutting
 - Trim all of the appliqued blocks to 8 ½" x 8 ½". The size of the blocks is not critical. As long as all the blocks are identical in size you will be fine.
 - Binding – Cut from outer border fabric.
 - Four 1 ½" x WOF (width of fabric 40") This will be a single fold binding.
 - Outer Border
 - Two 3" x WOF
 - Two 6 ½" x WOF
 - Inner Border
 - Option 1 – Four 3" x WOF
 - Option 2 (Scrappy version) – From one of the 6 ½" x WOF outer border strips cut the following:
 - One 2 ½" x 6 ½" (B)
 - One 4" x 6 ½" (F)
 - One 3" x 6 ½" (I)

The letters designate the order the fabric piece will be in the inner border design. See Inner border assembly diagram.

Don't discard the excess 6 ½" strip. It and the 6 ½" x WOF strip will be used for the top and bottom outer borders.

The remaining blocks in the scrappy border should be cut in the following manner:

- From red print – 4" x 6 ½" (A)
- From green print
 - One 2 ½" x 6 ½" (C)
 - One 5" x 6 ½" (G)
- From blue print
 - One 1 ¾" x 6 ½" (D)
 - One 3" x 6 ½" (J)
- From pink solid
 - One 5" x 6 1/2" (E)

- From orange print
 - One 2" x 6 ½" (H)

2. **Assembly** – All seams are ¼" unless otherwise noted.

- Arrange blocks in a 9-block formation (three rows of three) I began with block #2 and ended with block #1. Row #1 consists of blocks #2, 3 & 4. Row #2 is blocks #5, 6 & 7. Row #3 is blocks #8, 9 & 1. Of course, this is merely a suggestion. You may wish to mix up your blocks in a different order. The only requirement is that they be in a 9-block formation.
- Sew the blocks in row #1 together. Press seams to the right.
- Sew the blocks in row #2 together. Press seams to the left.
- Sew the blocks in row #3 together. Press seams to the right.
- Sew row #1 to row #2. Press seams toward #2.
- Sew row #3 to the bottom of row #2 to complete your 9-block. Press seams toward #3.
- Trim if your 9-block needs squaring up.

Note: If you are using the scrappy inner border you will need to lay out the inner border strips and adjust for desired color sequence prior to the next step. The strips will be longer than the sides of your quilt, but they can be trimmed after they are sewn to the quilt.

- Pin one of the inner borders to the top of the 9-block.
- Pin another of the inner borders to the bottom of the 9-block.
- Sew the top and bottom inner borders onto the 9-block. Press seams toward the border.
- Trim excess border fabric.
- Pin side inner borders to 9-block.
- Sew side inner borders to 9-block. Press seams toward border.
- Trim excess border fabric and square up.
- Pin one of the 6 ½" wide outer border strips to the top of the quilt. **Note: I center my border on the quilt and trim off the ends after I've sewn it on.**
- Pin the remaining 6 ½" strip to the bottom.
- Sew the top and bottom outer borders to the quilt. Press toward the outer border.
- Trim excess border fabric.
- Pin 3" wide side outer borders to the quilt.
- Sew the side borders to the quilt. Press toward the outer border.
- Trim excess.
- Sew a zig zag stitch around the outer perimeter of the quilt. This will prevent it from fraying while you applique it.