

Web Exclusive: Sweet Stitches



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Finished Wall Hanging Size

37½" x 43"

Number of Blocks and Finished Size

4 Thrift Blocks 12" x 12"

Planning

Pat used a panel and fabrics from her Simple Stitches collection by P&B Textiles to make this darling wall hanging. Easy fussy-cutting and quick piecing will have this little quilt hanging on your wall in record time.

To fussy-cut the larger squares, make a 6½" square template from clear plastic. Include seam lines so you can center the motif. Place template on panel, centering on flower square. Mark around edge of template and cut out. Cut 4 total. In similar manner, fussy-cut remaining panel squares and rectangle.

Fabric Requirements

Beige print (blocks, piecing)	5/8 yd.
Blue print (blocks, piecing, inner border, binding)	1 yd.
Simple Stitches panel (blocks, piecing)	1 full panel*
Beige/multicolor floral (outer border)	7/8 yd.
Backing (piece widthwise)	2 5/8 yds.
Batting size	44" x 50"
Template plastic (see-through)	
*Yardage and cutting based on featured fabric. See Planning . A full panel in this fabric collection measures approximately 23½" x width of fabric.	

Cutting Instructions (cut in order listed)

Beige print
48 squares 3½" x 3½"
2 rectangles 3½" x 6"
Blue print
5 strips 2½" x width of fabric (WOF) for binding
16 rectangles 3½" x 6½"
2 strips 3" x 6"
*4 strips 1½" x 34"
2 strips 1" x 3"
Simple Stitches panel
4 squares 6½" x 6½", fussy-cut centered on flower squares
4 squares 3" x 3", fussy cut centered on heart or star squares
1 rectangle 6" x 8½", fussy-cut centered on birds rectangle
Beige/multicolor floral
*4 strips 6" x WOF
*Border strips include extra length for trimming.

Piecing the Blocks and Strip

1 Referring to **Diagram I**, draw diagonal line on wrong side of beige print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Place marked square on blue print $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, right sides together, aligning raw edges. Stitch on drawn line; trim away and discard excess fabric. Open and press. Repeat on opposite end of rectangle to make pieced rectangle. Make 16.

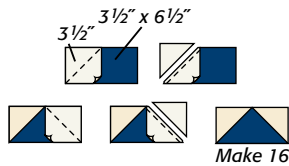


Diagram I

2 Stitch 3 rows using 4 beige $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, 4 pieced rectangles, and 1 fussy-cut $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square (**Diagram II**). Sew rows together to make Thrift Block. Make 4 total.

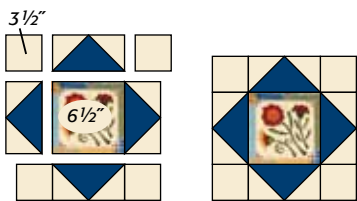


Diagram II

3 Referring to **Diagram III**, sew together 4 fussy-cut 3" star or heart squares, 2 blue 1" x 3" strips, 2 beige $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" rectangles, 2 blue 3" x 6" rectangles, and fussy-cut 6" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to make pieced strip. Make 1.

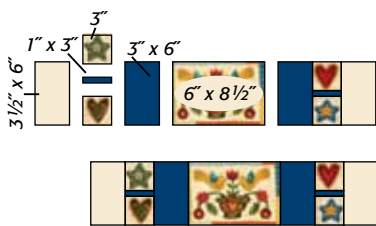
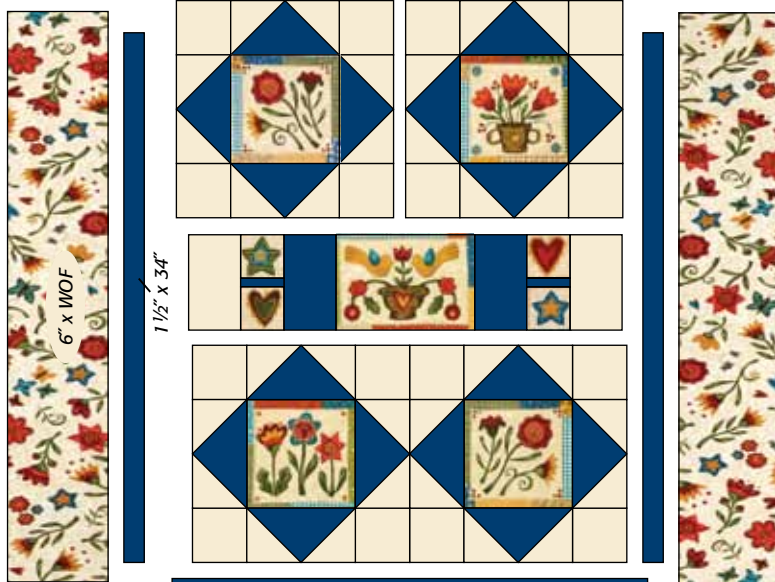
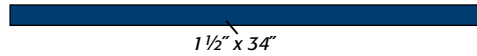


Diagram III



Assembly Diagram

Assembling the Wall Hanging Top

4 Referring to **Assembly Diagram**, sew 2 rows of 2 Thrift Blocks each. Sew together block rows and pieced strip, alternating. Stitch blue 34" strips to sides; trim even with top and bottom. Sew remaining blue 34" strips to top/bottom; trim even with sides. Stitch beige/multicolor floral strips to sides; trim even. Sew remaining floral strips to top/bottom; trim even.

Quilting and Finishing

5 Layer, baste, and quilt. With matching thread, Pat machine outline quilted all of the motifs in the fussy-cut squares and rectangle. An allover meander is stitched in the beige background and outer border. Parallel lines forming corners are quilted in each blue triangle and wavy lines are quilted in each blue area of the pieced strip. The blue border features loops. Bind with blue print.