

Materials

80cm (7/8yd) white homespun fabric (fence)
1.2m (1 3/8yd) blue fabric (27180-1)(background)
10cm (1/8yd) purple flowers on chocolate background fabric (27185-6)
10cm (1/8yd) orange flowers on chocolate background fabric (26185-4)
10cm (1/8yd) small orange flowers on chocolate background fabric (27179-4)
15cm (1/4yd) small brown flowers on pink background fabric (27179-3)
15cm (1/4yd) small brown flowers on blue background fabric (27179-1)
10cm (1/8yd) small green flowers on orange background fabric (27179-2)
20cm (1/4yd) green fabric (27180-5)
10cm (1/8yd) orange fabric (27180-2)
20cm (1/4yd) purple fabric (27180-6)
10cm (1/8yd) pink fabric (27181-3)
40cm (1/2yd) green wavy striped fabric (27184-5)
20cm (1/4yd) orange wavy striped fabric (27184-2)
10cm (1/8yd) blue wavy striped fabric (27184-1)
Scraps of large retro-print fabric (27188-4) and small retro-print fabric (27187-4)
40cm (1/2yd) binding fabric.
Caroline used blue background print (27186-1)
2.7m (3yd) backing fabric
Batting at least 132cm x 152cm (52in x 60in)
Monofilament thread
Lightweight bobbin thread or polyester thread
Rayon machine-embroidery threads to match fabrics
Black rayon or cotton machine-embroidery thread
1.5m (1 3/8yd) fusible web
70cm (3/4yd) freezer paper
80cm (7/8yd) iron-on stabiliser
1.3m (1 3/8yd) 4mm (3/16in) wide ric rac
1.4m (1 1/2yd) 14mm (1/2in) wide ric rac
1.3m (1 3/8yd) 4cm (1 1/2in) wide ric rac
Spray starch, Blu Tack
One plastic sleeve (used in ring binders)
Black fine-point permanent pen, pencil
Tailor's awl or small bamboo kebab stick
Compass
6mm (1/4in) Clover bias maker and fusible web
13mm (1/2in) Clover bias maker and fusible web
Glue stick suitable for fabric
70/10 jeans needle or 60/8 universal needle
80/12 jeans needle or machine-embroidery needle
Teflon-coated appliqué mat or silicon baking paper
Open-toed appliqué foot, 6mm (1/4in) presser foot
Free-motion foot, rotary cutter, ruler and mat

Note: If you are unfamiliar with any of the appliqué techniques, cut extra shapes from scrap fabrics and practise before stitching the quilt. Use the photograph of the quilt as a guide to placement of all the appliqué shapes.

Cut the fabric

From the blue fabric for the background, cut:

- 8 strips, 4 1/2in x width of fabric and from each strip crosscut 3, 4 1/2in x 14 1/2in strips to yield a total of 24 strips
- 1 strip, 1 3/4in x width of fabric and from the strip crosscut 14, 1 3/4in squares
- 2 strips, 3 1/2in x width of fabric and from each strip crosscut 7, 3 1/2in x 7in rectangles

From the white homespun fabric, cut:

- 7 strips, 3 1/2in x width of fabric and trim each strip to 39in
- 2 strips, 2in x width of fabric and from each strip crosscut 8, 2in x 4 1/2in rectangles to yield a total of 16 triangles

Assemble the background

1. Press all seams in the fence towards the blue fabric to prevent shadowing behind the white fabric.
2. Following Diagram 1, make eight strips, each comprising three 4 1/2in x 14 1/2in blue strips and two white 2in x 4 1/2in rectangles.
3. With a pencil, rule a diagonal line across the wrong side of each of the 1 3/4in blue squares.
4. To shape the top of each of the seven fence 'palings', following Diagram 2, place a blue square, right sides together, at the corner of a 3 1/2in x 39in white strip. Stitch along the ruled line.
5. Trim the upper portion of blue fabric, leaving a 1/4in seam allowance, and press the triangle created over the line of stitching to the corner of the white strip.
6. Add a second blue triangle to the white strip in the same manner.



Diagram 1

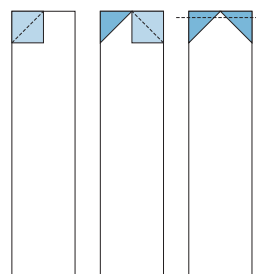


Diagram 2

7. Join one 3 1/2in x 7in blue rectangle to the top of each 'paling'. There should be a short flat section at the centre of each 'paling'.
8. Following the photograph of the quilt, arrange the eight pieced strips with the seven 'palings', beginning and ending with pieced strips.

The stitches

Blind hem stitch

1. Use monofilament thread in the top of the machine and lightweight bobbin thread, a number 70/10 jeans needle or 60/8 universal needle, and an open-toed appliqué foot.
2. Select blind hem stitch and reduce both the width and length >