

Dragonfly Quilt

This quilt would be 72" by 97".

Yardage (borders cut crosswise), based on 40" of usable fabric

5 1/8 yard background
1/3 yard green for stems
1/2 yard green for leaves
1/4 yard for flowers
1/4 yard yellow flower centers
Assorted small pieces of pastels and coordinating darker tones for dragonflies
3/8 yard for 1st border, cut at 1 1/2"
1 1/2 yards for 2nd border, cut at 5 1/2"
3/4 yard for binding

Cutting:

These are based on 40" of usable fabric. If your usable fabric is wider, you may be able to cut more efficiently.

The appliqué on these pieces is light enough that we can ignore the suggestion to cut pieces larger, to allow for the drawing in caused by the appliqué process.

From background:

Cut eight 12 1/2" strips.

From two of these, cut three 12 1/2" squares.

From one, two 12 1/2" squares and two 6 1/2" by 12 1/2" rectangles.

From the remaining strips cut twenty-two 6 1/2" by 12 1/2" rectangles.

Cut four 6 1/2" strips. From these, cut seventeen 6 1/2" squares.

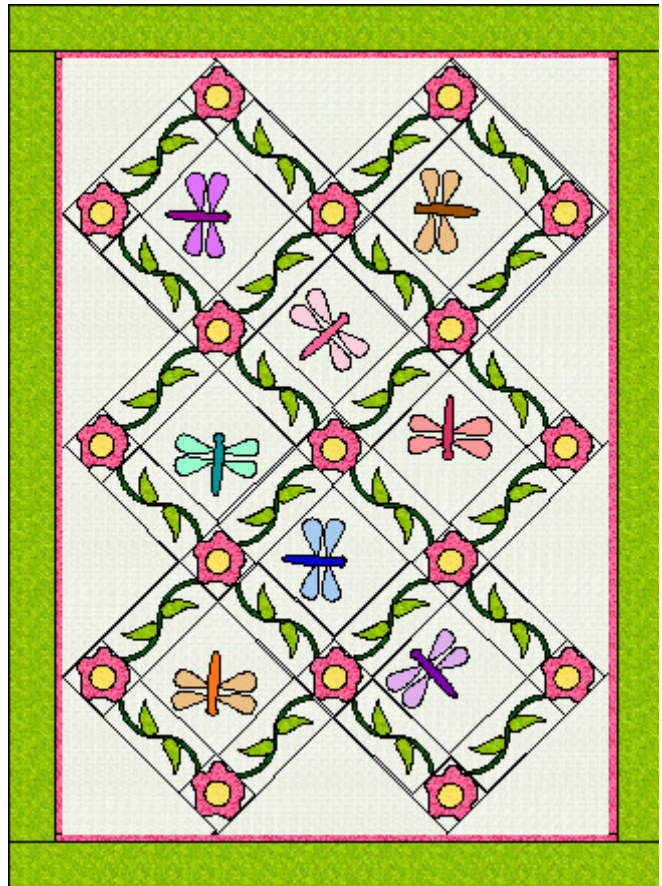
From the remaining fabric, cut two 25 1/2" and one 18" square. Cut the 18" square in half diagonally one direction, and the 25 1/2" in half diagonally in both directions. These are your setting triangles.

Construction:

Following BOM instructions, make 8 Dragonfly blocks. Put some of them with the heads near an edge, some near a corner, some with tails near an edge, and some near a corner. In other words, don't be consistent in the placement on the blocks.

Sashing:

For each of the twenty-four sashing blocks, cut one bias strip of your stem color that is 1 3/8" wide. These should be around 15" long when cut from a 12" strip of fabric. Iron them in half (about 5/8" by 15), wrong sides together. From the center of one end of the sashing to the center of the other, arrange the folded edge in a graceful double curve. There should be about 1" extending beyond the edge of the sashing on both ends. Appliqué the folded edge down. Do not attach the stem to the sashing for the last 1". These will be attached after the



cornerstones are done. Trim the under side to about 1/8". Fold under the top side half way, and stitch this edge down.

For each of the twenty-four cornerstone blocks, prepare two leaves, template A, positioned as shown in the diagram. Stitch them down.

Sew the five sashing rows by attaching the cornerstones as shown in the quilt diagram. Now stitch down the ends of the stems, so that about 3/8" of stem extends past the seams.

For each of the seventeen cornerstones, prepare one Template B and one Template C. Stitch Template C on Template B. Place template B on the cornerstone so that the edges of the flowers will cover the ends of the stems. Stitch them down, but don't stitch the sides where the stems from the remaining cornerstones will go.

Sew the Block Rows, sashing-block-sashing, etc. Sew a block row to the same size sashing row. Stitch down the stems and flowers where the cornerstones are now attached. Add the setting triangles to the ends of the rows, but do not add the corner triangles yet. Sew the rows together, finishing the stems and flowers as you add each row. Sew on the corner triangles.

Border 1:

Cut eight 1 1/2" strips. Sew them together in two long strips, each approx 160" long. Measure the length of your top. Cut one strip this length from each piece. Sew to the sides of the top. Measure the width of your top. Cut one strip this length from each piece. Sew to the top and bottom of your top.

Border 2:

Cut eight 5 1/2" strips. Use the same process as you did for Border 2.

Binding:

Cut nine 2 1/2" strips. Cut the ends at 45° and sew together into one long strip. Fold in half, wrong sides together. Using an even feed (walking) foot, sew to the right side of your quilt. Turn to the wrong side and stitch by hand with a blind stitch.

