from little things, big things grow...

FREE QUILT PATTERN

by Sarah Fielke for Lecien

Finished quilt size: 57 1/2” x 80 1/2”

Materials

15” of Lecien Color Basic 4525BK (black check) for tree trunks

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2” each of 8 different fabrics (30063-110, 30062-90, 30063-20, 30061-70, 30061-90, 30063-50, 30063-60, 30067-60) for leaf A

2” each of 8 different fabrics (30067-220, 30061-110, 30062-10, 30065-50, 30062-10, 30062-111, 30065-90, 30067-20) for leaf B

4” each of 8 different fabrics (30060-50, 30065-60, 30062-60, 30060-70, 30065-40, 30065-10, 30064-50, 30061-50) for leaf C

3” each of 8 different fabrics (30064-90, 30062-111, 30062-90, 30067-20, 30061-60, 30064-110, 30064-50) for leaf D triangles

3” of 30062-50 (yellow bell flowers) for corner stones

13” each of 30066-50, 30066-30, 30066-110, 30066-70 (spots) for backgrounds

33” of 30063-110 (purple birds) for setting triangles

1 3/4yds of 30067-110 (purple stripe) for sashing, inner border and binding

1yd of 30065-50 (yellow floral) for outer border

3 1/2yds of 30065-90 (grey floral) backing fabric

65” x 88” piece cotton wadding

cotton thread for piecing

Perle 8 thread for quilting

Rotary cutter, patchwork ruler and mat

Sarah Fielke is a teacher, fabric designer and author. She is available through her blog at www.thelastpiece.net. Her latest book, Material Obsession Two, Shared Inspiration, has just been released in the USA, and her next book, Quilting: From Little Things, will be available in Australia in March 2011. Fabrics, patterns and books are available wholesale. To see more of ‘From little things’ visit www.lecien.co.jp/en/hobby/index.html

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Making the quilt

Cutting

From the black check, cut 8 Template A pieces for the tree trunks.
From the assorted leaf fabrics, cut 2" strips. Using the 45 degree line on your
patchwork ruler, cut diamonds with a 2 3/4" long side from the strip. You will
need 5 A diamonds, 10 B diamonds and 15 C diamonds for each tree.
From the D triangle fabrics, cut a 2 3/4" strip. Cut triangles with a 45 degree
angle using your patchwork ruler (half a diamond) You will need 20 D
diamonds for each tree.

From the corner stone fabric, cut a 2 7/8" strip. From this strip cut 5 squares
2 7/8". Cross cut these squares on one diagonal for the outer corner stone
triangles. Trim the remaining strip to 2". From this strip; cut seven 2" squares
for the square corner stones.

From each of the spot background fabrics, cut a 5 7/8" strip and a n 8" strip.
From the 5 7/8" strip, cut four squares 5 7/8". Cross cut these squares on
one diagonal to form half square triangles. From the 8" strip cut four
Template B pieces from each spot, two right side up (B) and two right side
down (BR).

From the purple bird fabric cut three strips 11". Using the 45 degree angle
on your patchwork ruler, cut six quarter square triangles and four half square
triangles with a height of 11". You will get two quarter square triangles from
each strip, more if you don't fussy cut the birds. All these triangles are larger
than needed to allow for squaring up after sewing.

From the purple stripe fabric, cut twelve strips 2" for the sashing. Cross cut
these strips into 24 strips 15" long. From the remaining fabric, cut seven
strips 1 1/2" for the inner border and eight strips 3" for the binding fabric.

From the yellow floral fabric cut six strips 5 1/2" for the outer border.

Block piecing

Lay out one A, two B and three C diamonds into a triangle shape as shown,
together with three D triangles. Sew them into rows and press.
Join the rows to make a large triangle. Continue with the same fabric layout
until you have made 5 triangles.

Matching the top edge of the trunk to the 1/4" line on the B Template, sew a
Template B piece to one side of the Template A trunk and a Template BR piece
to the other side. Sew a half square triangle to the bottom of the trunk.

Sew the leaf section to the trunk section, pivoting your needle at the centre
point to create a Y seam. Sew a half square triangle to three corners of the
block to make a square. Use the picture as a guide. Make 8 blocks.

Assembly

Lay the blocks out on a design wall or floor using the picture as a guide.
Sew the blocks together in rows diagonally with the sashing in between.
Sew all the 1 1/2" stripe strips together into one long strip. Measure the
quilt top through the centre from side to side and cut two strips this length.
Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. Now measure the quilt
from top to bottom and repeat the process for the side borders. Using this
method attach the outer yellow borders and press.

Quilting and finishing

Baste and quilt as desired. Sarah hand quilted Big Things Grow using Perle
8 cotton. Join the binding strips you cut using a 45 degree angle into one
long strip, press and sew to the top of the quilt. Turn the binding to the back
of the quilt and slip stitch in place using co-ordinating thread.