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Birds in the Forest

SPECIFICATIONS
 Skill Level: Intermediate
 Quilt Size: 78" x 96"
 Block Size: 6" x 15", 15" x 15" and 9" x 9"
 Number of Blocks: 24, 4 and 24

Combine piecing, appliqué and fabric folding to create a warm and comfortable flannel quilt.

INSTRUCTIONS
Special Cutting Instructions

Note: For each set of pieces in Steps 1–3, cut all light pieces from the same light flannel and all dark pieces from the

same dark flannel except I, which should be cut from a different dark flannel.

Step 1. Cut the dark and light flannels into 18 sets as follows for Tall Tree blocks: eight 3½" x 3½" F squares

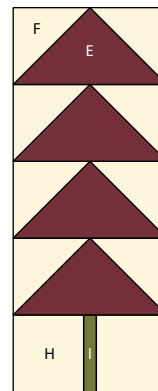
light, two 3½" x 3¼" H pieces light, four 3½" x 6½" E rectangles dark and one 1" x 3½" I piece dark.

Step 2. Cut the dark and light flannels into 10 sets

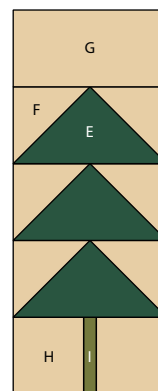
FABRIC	#STRIPS & PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.				
(10) ½-yard dark flannels or 5 yards total dark flannel scraps	5	6½" x 9½" B total See Special Cutting Instructions		
(10) ½-yard light flannel backgrounds or 5 yards total light flannel scraps	20	3½" x 15½" J total		Cut each square in half on 1 diagonal to make 8 K triangles
	4	11⅝" x 11⅝" squares total		
	4	5¼" x 5¼" squares total		
¾ yard diagonal plaid flannel	2	6½" x 9½" B total See Special Cutting Instructions		
	6	3½" x 42" C/D		
¾ yard dark print	9	2½" x 42" binding		
Backing		84" x 102"		

SUPPLIES

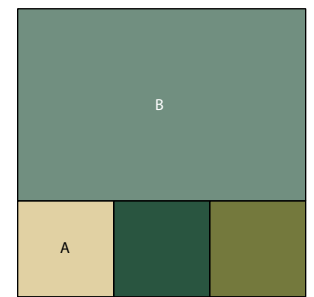
- Batting 84" x 102"
- Quilting thread
- Neutral-color all-purpose thread
- Basic sewing tools and supplies



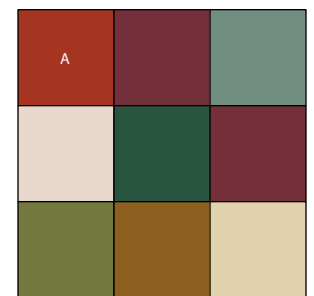
Tall Tree
6" x 15" Block
Make 14



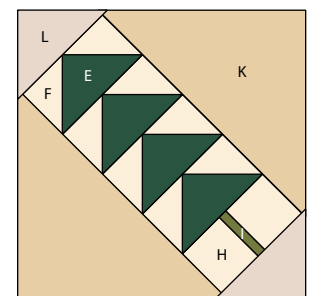
Short Tree
6" x 15" Block
Make 10



Setting
9" x 9" Block
Make 7



Nine-Patch
9" x 9" Block
Make 17



Corner
15" x 15" Block
Make 4



as follows for Short Tree blocks: one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " G rectangle light, six $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " F squares light, two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{4}$ " H pieces light, three $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " E rectangles dark and one 1 " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " I piece dark.

Step 3. Prepare templates for appliqué shapes using patterns given; cut as directed on each piece, adding a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all around when cutting for hand-appliqué.

Step 4. Cut the remaining fabrics into 44 light and 242 dark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " A squares.

Completing the Tree Blocks

Step 1. Select one set of pieces for one Tall Tree block.

Step 2. Fold each E rectangle in half, wrong sides together, to make a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle.

Step 3. Pin the folded E piece to the right side of an F square with the fold $\frac{1}{4}$ " down from the top edge of F as shown in Figure 1; place a second F square right sides together with the layered F-E unit, aligning top of second F square with first F square. Stitch on the right-hand edge, again referring to Figure 1.

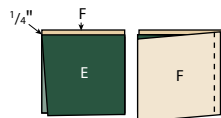


Figure 1

Step 4. Referring to Figure 2, open the stitched F-E-F unit and press the folded E flat with bottom edges aligned with F and seam open on the back side to complete one tree unit.



Figure 2

Step 5. Repeat Steps 2–4 to complete four tree units.

Step 6. Sew an I piece between two H pieces to make a trunk unit as shown in Figure 3; press seams toward H.



Figure 3

Step 7. Join the four tree units with the trunk unit to complete one Tall Tree block referring to the block drawing; press seams in one direction.

Step 8. Repeat Steps 1–7 to complete 18 Tall Tree blocks; set aside four blocks to use in the Corner blocks.

Step 9. Repeat Steps 1–7 to complete 10 Short Tree blocks, making only three tree units for each block and adding a G rectangle at the top referring to the block drawing.

Completing the Corner Blocks

Step 1. Select one of the four Tall Tree blocks previously set aside. Sew K to opposite long sides and L to the top and bottom of the block to complete one Corner block referring to the block drawing; press seams toward K and L. Repeat to make four Corner blocks.

Note: There should be more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance beyond the corners of the Tall Tree blocks.

Completing the Nine-Patch Blocks

Step 1. Select nine different A squares.

Step 2. Join three A squares to make a row; press seams in one direction. Repeat to make three rows.

Step 3. Join the rows to complete one Nine-Patch block; press seams in one direction.

Step 4. Repeat Steps 1–3 to complete 17 Nine-Patch blocks.

of each block referring to Figure 4 for positioning.



Figure 4

Completing the Setting Blocks

Step 1. Join three A squares; press seams in one direction.

Step 2. Sew the A unit to one long side of a B rectangle to complete one Setting block; press seam toward B.

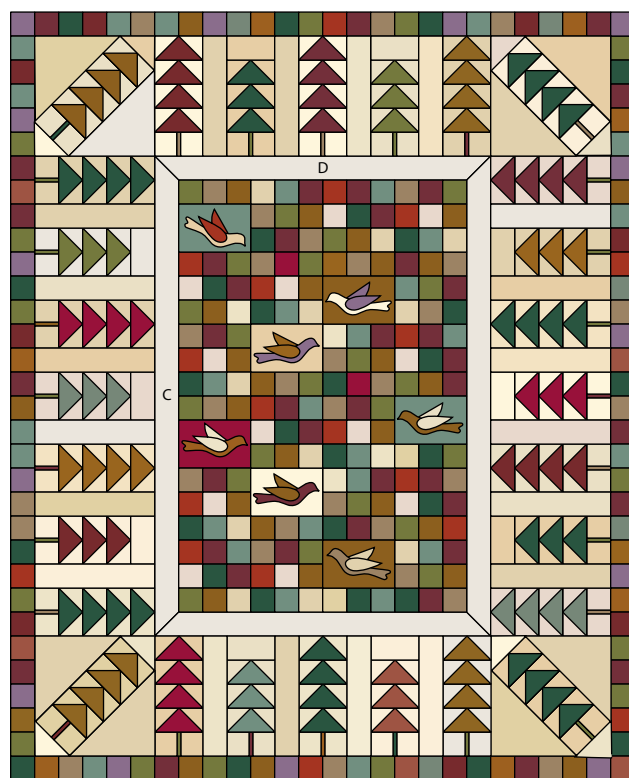
Step 3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to complete seven Setting blocks.

Step 4. Arrange one bird motif on the B rectangle

Step 5. Turn under the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance as you hand-stitch pieces in place to complete the appliqué.

Completing the Quilt

Step 1. Join the Setting and Nine-Patch blocks in six rows with four blocks in each row, again referring to Figure 4 for positioning;



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Placement Diagram 78" x 96"

press seams in adjoining rows in opposite directions.

Step 2. Join C/D strips with right sides together on short ends to make one long strip; press seams open. Subcut strip into two 64" C strips and two 46" D strips.

Step 3. Center and sew a C strip to opposite long sides and D strips to the top and bottom of the pieced strip, mitering corners as shown in Figure 5; trim mitered seam to ¼" and press seams open.

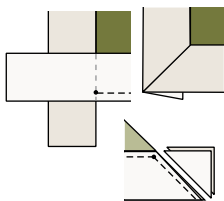


Figure 5

Step 4. Join three Short Tree blocks and four Tall Tree blocks with six J strips referring to Figure 6 to make a side strip; press seams toward J strips. Repeat to make two side strips.

Step 5. Sew a side strip to opposite sides of the pieced center; press seams toward C strips.

Step 6. Join two Short Tree blocks with three Tall Tree blocks, four J strips and two Corner blocks to make a top strip, again referring to Figure 6; press seams toward J strips and Corner blocks. Repeat to make the bottom strip.

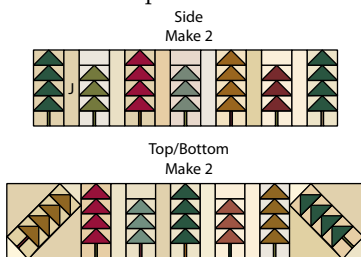


Figure 6

Step 7. Sew the top strip to the top and the bottom strip to the bottom of the pieced center referring to the Placement Diagram for positioning of strips; press seams toward D strips.

Step 8. Join 30 A squares to make a side strip; repeat to make two side strips. Press seams in one direction. Repeat with 26 A squares to make one each top and bottom strip.

Step 9. Sew the side strips and top and bottom strips to the sides and top and bottom of the pieced cen-

ter to complete the pieced top; press seams toward the pieced strips

Finishing Your Quilt

Step 1. Sandwich the batting between the completed top and prepared backing; pin or baste layers together to hold. *Note: If using basting spray to hold layers together, refer to instructions on the product container for use.*

Step 2. Quilt as desired by hand or machine; remove

pins or basting. Trim excess backing and batting even with quilt top.

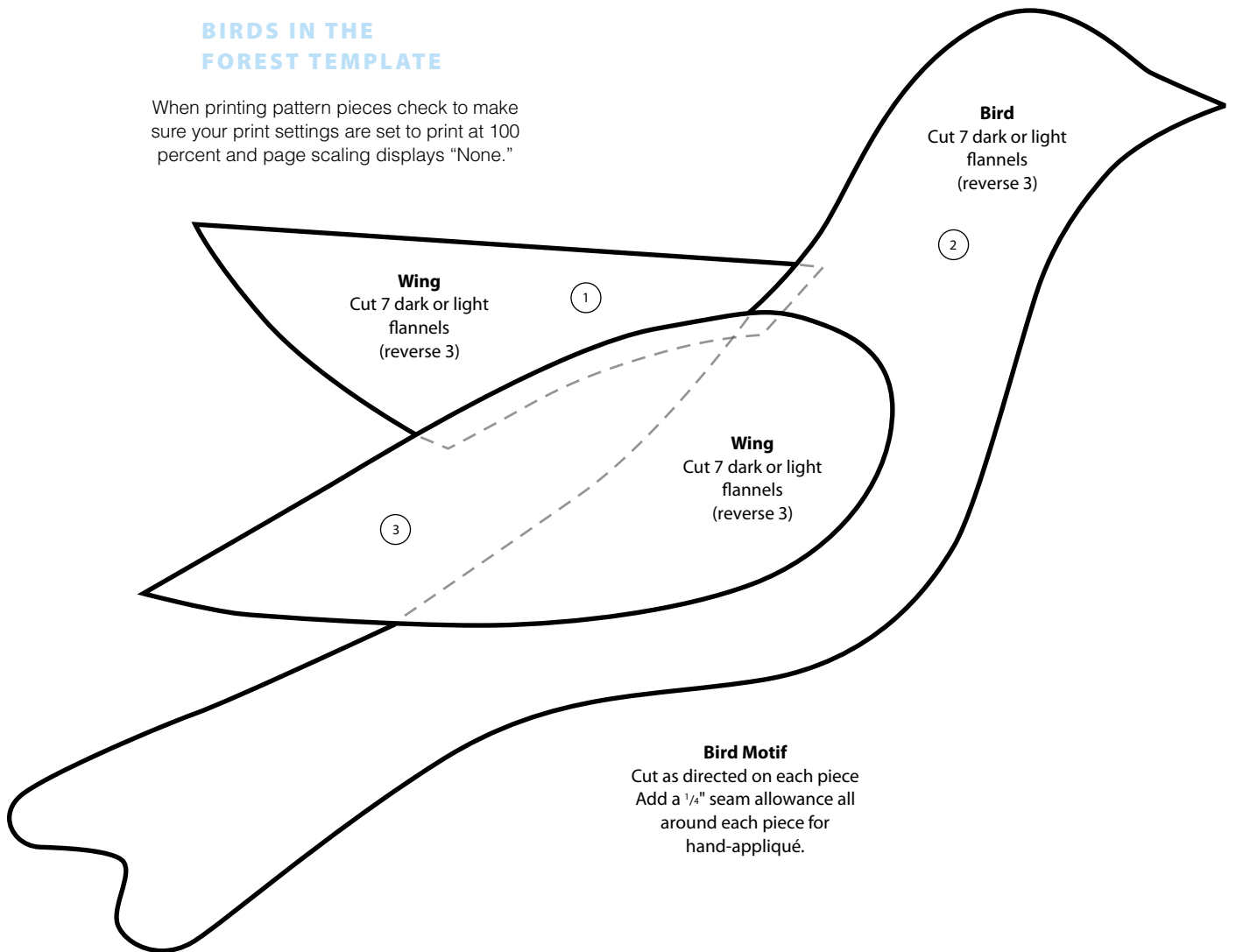
Step 3. Join binding strips on short ends to make one long strip. Fold the strip in half along length with wrong sides together; press.

Step 4. Sew binding to quilt edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place to finish. **QW**



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