

Fields of Green



If you love the look of improvisational quilting, but aren't sure where to start, this quilt makes it easy. It has a scrappy improvisational look, but it's pieced in a structured way.

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FINISHED QUILT: 60½" × 69½"

Materials

Yardage is based on 42"-wide fabric.

4½ yards *total* of assorted green prints and solids
for patchwork

½ yard of white solid for flying-geese units

⅝ yard of green print for binding

4 yards of fabric for backing

69" × 78" piece of batting

Cutting

For ease in piecing the quilt top, label the pieces as indicated in parentheses.

From the green prints and solids, cut a total of:

2 rectangles, 15½" × 18½" (L)

2 rectangles, 3½" × 18½" (I)

1 rectangle, 12½" × 15½" (M)

2 rectangles, 9½" × 15½" (N)

3 rectangles, 6½" × 15½" (F)

3 rectangles, 3½" × 15½" (D)

2 squares, 12½" × 12½" (A)

2 rectangles, 9½" × 12½" (E)

6 rectangles, 3½" × 12½" (B)

3 squares, 9½" × 9½" (H)

7 rectangles, 6½" × 9½" (G)

6 rectangles, 3½" × 9½" (J)

9 squares, 6½" × 6½" (C)

3 rectangles, 3½" × 6½" (K)

42 squares, 4" × 4"

From the white solid, cut:

3 strips, 4" × 42"; crosscut into 42 squares, 4" × 4"

From the green print for binding, cut:

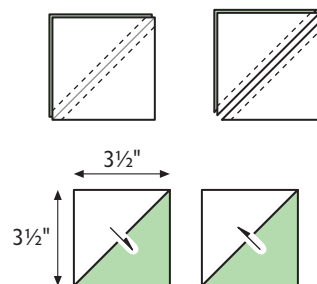
7 strips, 2½" × 42"



Making the Flying Geese

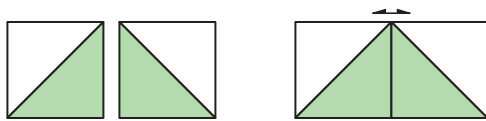
Press all seam allowances as indicated by the arrows.

1. Mark the white 4" squares with a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side. Pair a marked white square with a green 4" square, right sides together. Sew ¼" from each side of the marked line. Cut apart on the marked line to make two half-square-triangle units. On one unit press the seam allowances toward the green triangle. On the other unit press the seam allowances toward the white triangle. Trim both units to 3½" square. Make 42 sets of two matching units.



Make 42 of each unit.

2. Join two matching units from step 1 to make a flying-geese unit. Make 42 units measuring $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$, including the seam allowances.



Make 42 units,
 $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$.

3. Sew 14 units from step 2 together to make a strip. Make three strips measuring $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 42\frac{1}{2}"$, including the seam allowances.

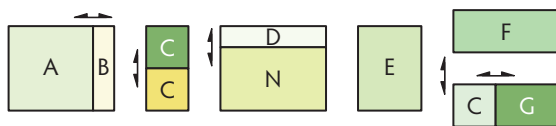


Make 3 strips,
 $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 42\frac{1}{2}"$.

Making the Sections

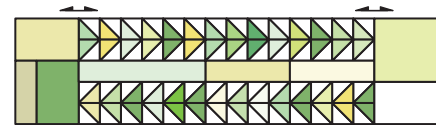
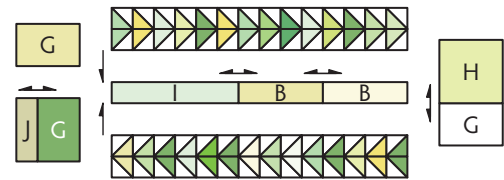
Use the green rectangles and squares to make each section.

1. For section 1, lay out one A and three assorted C squares and one each of B, D, E, F, G, and N rectangles. Join the squares and rectangles as shown to make a section measuring $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$, including the seam allowances.



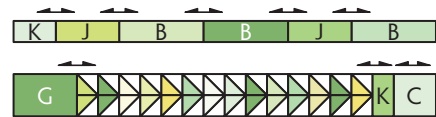
Section 1.
Make 1 section, $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$.

2. For section 2, lay out one H square and three assorted G, two assorted B, and one each of I and J rectangles. Join the square, rectangles, and two flying-geese strips as shown to make a section measuring $15\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$, including the seam allowances.



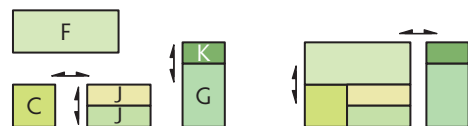
Section 2.
Make 1 section, $15\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$.

3. For section 3, lay out one C square and one G, two each of J and K, and three B rectangles. Join the square, rectangles, and one flying-geese strip as shown to make a section measuring $9\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$, including the seam allowances.



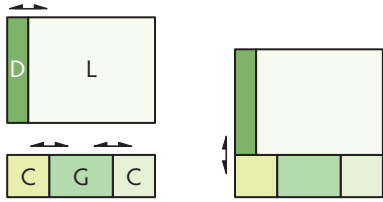
Section 3.
Make 1 section, $9\frac{1}{2}" \times 60\frac{1}{2}"$.

4. For section 4, lay out one C square and two assorted J and one each of F, G, and K rectangles. Join the square and rectangles as shown to make a section measuring $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 21\frac{1}{2}"$, including the seam allowances.



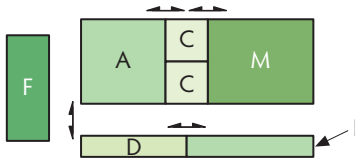
Section 4.
Make 1 section,
 $12\frac{1}{2}" \times 21\frac{1}{2}"$.

5. For section 5, lay out two assorted C squares and one each of D, G, and L rectangles. Join the squares and rectangles as shown to make a section measuring $21\frac{1}{2}$ " square, including the seam allowances.



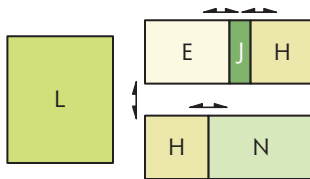
Section 5.
Make 1 section,
 $21\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $21\frac{1}{2}$ ".

6. For section 6, lay out one A square, two assorted C squares, and one each of D, F, I, and M rectangles. Join the square and rectangles as shown to make a section measuring $15\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $39\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Section 6.
Make 1 section, $15\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $39\frac{1}{2}$ ".

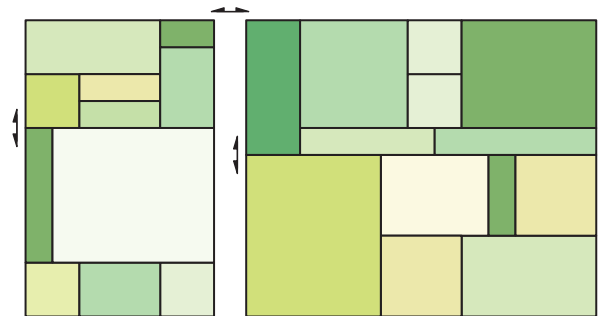
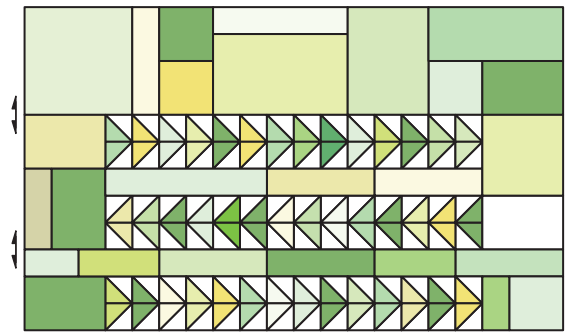
7. For section 7, lay out two assorted H squares and one each of E, J, L, and N rectangles. Join the squares and rectangles as shown to make a section measuring $18\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $39\frac{1}{2}$ ", including the seam allowances.



Section 7.
Make 1 section, $18\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $39\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Assembling the Quilt Top

1. Arrange the seven sections as shown in the quilt assembly diagram at right. Sew sections 1, 2, and 3 together along their long edges to make the top part of the quilt.
2. Join sections 4 and 5 to make the bottom-left section. Join sections 6 and 7 to make the bottom-right section. Join the left and right sections to make the bottom part of the quilt.
3. Join the top and bottom parts to complete the quilt top. The quilt top should measure $60\frac{1}{2}$ " \times $69\frac{1}{2}$ ".
4. Stitch around the perimeter of the quilt top, $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the outer edges, to lock the seams in place.



Quilt assembly

Finishing the Quilt

1. Layer the quilt top, batting, and backing; and quilt! (See page 5 for quilting ideas.)
2. Use the green $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strips to make double-fold binding; attach the binding to the edges of the quilt.



Kate free-motion quilted branches and leaves across the quilt top, fitting motifs for an all-green quilt.