

Country Barns Wallhanging

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This small hand-pieced quilted wallhanging is a great way to use a lot of country-style fabrics from your scrap bag.

Finished size: 96 cm x 105 cm (38 in x 41 in)

Materials

- * small pieces of floral, checked and striped fabric for the barns (you can make each barn the same or each one quite different)
- * Piecemakers crewel needles, size 9
- * cotton threads to match the fabrics
- * 1 m (1¹/₈ yd) of fabric for the backing
- * 100 cm x 109 cm (39 in x 43 in) of wadding
- * 25 cm (10 in) of navy fabric for the first border
- * 35 cm (14 in) of fabric for the second border
- * cardboard for the templates
- * H or HB propelling pencil
- * ruler

Method

See the Templates on the Pull Out Pattern Sheet.

Preparation

Trace the templates from the pattern sheet. Transfer each one to the cardboard and carefully cut it out. Make nine cardboard templates for each shape.

For each barn

1 Place each cardboard template onto the back of a fabric piece and draw around it. Cut out the piece, adding a 6 mm (1/4 in) seam allowance. Take special care when cutting out the barn roof as it will only fit if cut one way.

2 Baste the fabric over the cardboard, making sure that it sits square and straight.

Hint: When basting the fabric over the cardboard, centre the cardboard on the wrong side of the fabric, then fold and stitch

until it is quite secure, placing a stitch to hold any fabric folds. For triangles, do not try to fold in all the fabric at the corners. Simply fold over the seam allowance and baste it in place, leaving a flap of fabric at the corner. This will give you nice sharp points with not too much bulk.

3 When all the cardboard pieces for one block have been covered, lay the block out, ready for assembly. Place the first two pieces to be joined with the right sides together. Begin stitching approximately 6 mm (1/4 in) from the left-hand corner, stitch up to that corner, then down to the right-hand corner. Topstitch back along the seam for approximately 6 mm (1/4 in) to secure. Snip the thread, leaving a tail approximately 6 mm (1/4 in) long. When you are stitching, catch only the fabric, not the cardboard. Join all the other pieces for the block in this way. Make nine blocks.

Assembling

1 Cut six pieces of cardboard for the sashing, each 5 cm x 25 cm (2 in x 10 in). Cut the fabric and cover the cardboard in the same way as for the barns.

2 Join three blocks together in a row with a length of sashing in between.

3 Join three rows together to form the centre of the quilt, taking care that all the corners meet accurately.

For the first border

1 Measure the width and length of the quilt. Cut cardboard strips 4 cm (1 1/2 in) wide and these lengths. Cut the navy fabric and cover the cardboard strips as before.

2 Cut 4 cm (1 1/2 in) squares from the cardboard for the corners. Cut out the fabric and cover the cardboard squares as before.

3 Attach one square to each end of the top and bottom borders, then attach the side borders.

For the outer border

- 1 Measure the quilt carefully, then cut cardboard and fabric to these measurements as before.
- 2 Attach the side borders to the quilt, then the top and bottom borders.

Finishing

- 1 Carefully remove all the cardboard pieces by undoing or snipping all the basting threads. Press the quilt top well.
- 2 Baste under the seam allowances around the edges of the quilt.

3 Lay the backing face down on a table with the wadding on top and the quilt top on top of that, face upwards. Baste the layers together securely.

4 Quilt around the pieces as indicated in the quilting diagram below or in a design of your own.

5 Trim the backing to 2.5 cm (1 in) bigger than the quilt top all around. Trim the wadding to the exact size of the quilt top. Fold the excess backing over the wadding, under the edge of the quilt top. Slipstitch the edges together.

6 Make a sleeve for the back of the wallhanging so you can hang it up.



