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Quilt by Deb Mosa

Finished Quilt Approximately: 92" x 92" - Finished Center Size: 18" square

Leopards fabrics by Exclusively Quilters - Style #3700

Fabric Requirements: Based on 44" wide fabric

One leopard panel, about 2/3 yard (#8587-8)

2 yards leopard skin (#8590-4)

1/2 yard cream skin (#8593-4)

3-3/4 yards black skin (#8593-8)

1 yard green skin (#8593-6)

1-1/8 yards foliage (#8592-6)

1-1/4 yards floral (#8591-3)

3-1/4 yards leopards in trees (#8588-8)

8-1/2 yards fabric for backing

(#8590-4 leopard skin suggested)

100" x 100" quilt batting

An added 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.

You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.

Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.

Cutting Directions: All measurements based on a 1/4" seam allowance.

From **leopard skin** cut:

Eight 3" x 44" strips for border

Twelve 3" x 44" strips then recut into twenty-four 3" x 14" strips

From **cream skin** cut:

Three 3" x 44" strips

From **black skin** cut:

One 10-1/2" x 44" strip then recut into four 9-1/2" x 10-1/2"

One 5-1/2" x 44" strip then recut into four 5-1/2" squares and four 3-1/2" squares

Three 4-1/2" x 44" strips recut into twenty-four 4-1/2" squares

Fifteen 3" x 44" strips then recut from twelve strips: twenty-four 3" x 11-1/2" strips and twenty-four 3" x 6-1/2"

Ten 2-1/2" x 44" strips for binding

Eighteen 1-1/2" x 44" strips for borders

From **green skin** cut:

Two 4-1/2" x 44" strips recut into eight 4-1/2" x 9-1/2" strips

Three 3-1/2" x 44" strips recut into sixteen 3-1/2" x 5-1/2" strips

Three 3" x 44" strips recut into twenty-four 3" x 4-1/2" strips

From **foliage** cut:

Two 4-1/2" x 44" strips recut into four 4-1/2" x 9-1/2" pieces, four 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" pieces and four 4-1/2" squares

Six 3-1/2" x 44" strips recut into twenty-four 3-1/2" x 9" strips

From **floral** cut:

Four 9-1/2" x 44" strips recut into sixteen 9-1/2" squares

From **leopards in trees** cut:

Two 6" x 90" strips lengthwise, parallel to selvage

- from remaining fabric cut eight 6" x 30" strips and two 18-1/2" squares


One 18-1/2" x 44" strips recut into two 18-1/2" squares

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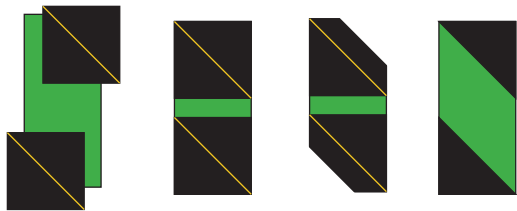
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Center:

1. Trim the leopard panel to 18-1/2" x 18-1/2".

2. Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of the 4-1/2" black and foliage squares. 

3. Lay two marked black squares right sides together on a green 4-1/2" x 9" piece as shown. Stitch along marked lines. Trim seam allowances to 1/4". Press. Make two of these units.



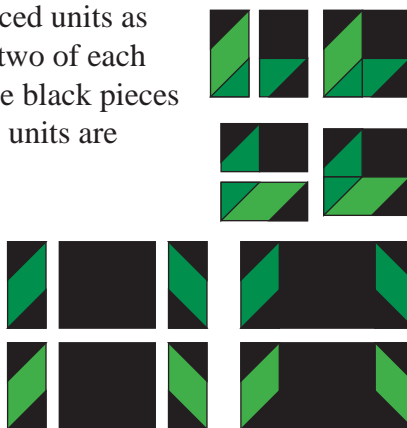
4. Make two of each of the units shown. The center 4-1/2" x 9-1/2" pieces are the green and foliage prints. The 4-1/2" squares used to add the triangles are black or foliage prints. The two smaller units use 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" foliage pieces with 4-1/2" black squares to make the triangles.



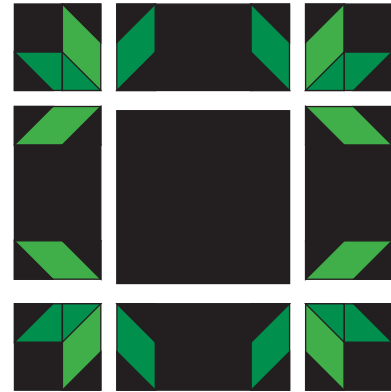
5. Add a 5-1/2" black square to each of the four small pieced units as shown. Two of each configuration.



6. Lay out the pieced units as shown and make two of each section. The large black pieces in the bottom two units are 9-1/2" x 10-1/2".

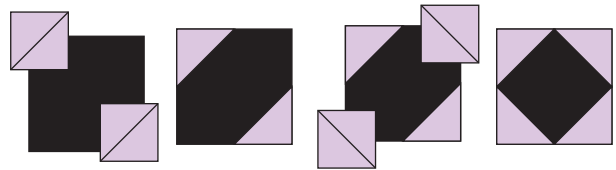


7. Lay out the pieced sections with the 18-1/2" square trimmed panel in the center as shown. Piece sections into rows then sew rows together.



Pieced Border:

1. Draw a diagonal line across the wrong side of each of the 9-1/2" floral squares. Using the same quick-corner triangle technique used to make the diamonds in the quilt center - add four floral corners to each of the four 18-1/2" leopards in trees print.



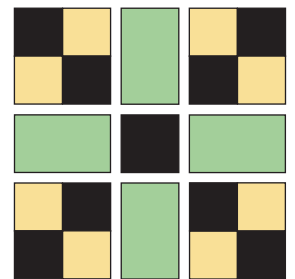
2. Make three panels each with 3" x 44" cream and black prints strips. From these strips cut a total of 32 slices, each 3" wide.



3. Combine cream/black slices into sixteen four-patch units.



4. Lay out the four-patch units with a 3-1/2" black square and four 3-1/2" x 5-1/2" green pieces. Stitch pieces into rows then sew the rows together forming the nine-patch block. Make a total of four of these nine-patch blocks.



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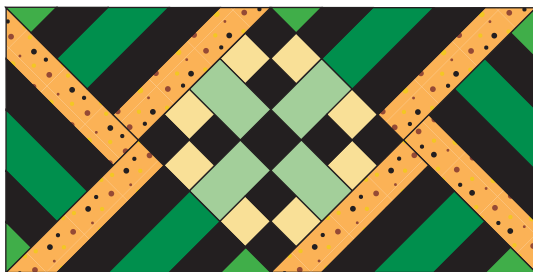
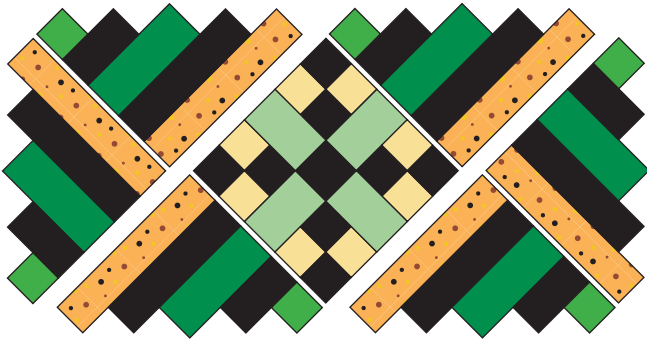
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Pieced Border: (continued)

5. Stitch together strips in the following order with the top edges even: 3" x 14" leopard skin, 3" x 11-1/2" black, 3-1/2" x 9" foliage, 3" x 6-1/2" black then 3" x 4-1/2" green. Make a total of 24 of these pieced strips.



6. Lay out one nine-patch block and six pieced strips as shown. Stitch together the units in diagonal rows. Sew the diagonal rows together. Make a total of four pieced borders. Trim each of the borders to a finished size of 18-1/2" x 36-1/2".



7. Referring to the quilt diagram, lay out the floral/leopard units and the above pieced units around the quilt center. Stitch into rows then sew the rows together.

Straight Borders:

1. Make four borders each with two 3" x 44" leopard skin strips sewn together end-to-end. Add a border to right and left sides. Press and trim excess from these and all successive border additions. Stitch a border to top and bottom of quilt.

2. Make eight borders each with two 1-1/2" x 44" black strips sewn together end-to-end. (Set aside four for final border.) Add a border to right and left sides then to top and bottom of quilt.

3. Stitch a 6" x 90" leopards in trees strip to right and left sides, press and trim. Make top and bottom borders each with four 6" x 30" strips matching design as much as possible. Add borders to top and bottom of quilt.

4. Cut two remaining 1-1/2" x 44" black strips each into two equal lengths. Add these end-to-end with each of the set aside double-length 1-1/2" black borders. Add borders to right and left sides then top and bottom.

Finishing:

1. Cut backing into three equal lengths. Sew the lengths together along selvage edges creating a backing three fabric widths wide. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Quilt or tie as desired.

2. Prepare binding from ten 2-1/2" x 44" strips of black. Sew strips together into one long binding strip. Press strip in half lengthwise.

3. Carefully trim backing and batting even with quilt top.

4. Leaving an 8" tail of binding, sew binding to top of quilt through all layers matching all raw edges. Miter corners. Stop approximately 12" from where you started. Lay both loose ends of binding flat along quilt edge. Where these two loose ends meet, fold them back on themselves and press to form a crease. Using this crease as your stitching line, sew the two open ends of the binding together right sides together. Trim seam to 1/4" and press open. Finish sewing tape to quilt.

5. Turn binding to back of quilt and blind stitch in place.