

Thirty and Found

from Round One of the

Wild West Scavenger Hunt



Materials Requirements

For outer border, setting triangles, and block centers:
1 1/2 yards

For inner border and binding:
1 yard

For blocks:

3 light fat quarters

3 dark fat quarters

Make sure there is good contrast between these fabrics and your border fabrics.

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CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

From the outer border/setting triangle fabric, cut:

4 strips 4 1/2" x the length of the fabric (approximately 54")

4 squares 9 3/4" x 9 3/4" (cut these squares twice on the diagonal to make 16 triangles)
Set aside 2 of these triangles -- they won't be needed.

2 squares 5 1/8" x 5 1/8" (cut these squares once on the diagonal to make 4 triangles)

32 squares 2" x 2"

From the inner border/binding fabric, cut:

6 strips 2 1/2" x WOF (width of fabric)

6 strips 2" x WOF (for binding)

For the blocks:

From each of the 6 fat quarters, cut:

6 squares 6 7/8" x 6 7/8" for a total of 36 squares

Pick 2 light squares and 2 dark squares and set these aside (they won't be needed). On the wrong side of each of the 16 remaining light squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner to another with a pencil.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Match up a light square with a dark square, right sides together. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the line that you drew on the light square. Cut these apart on the drawn line after you have them stitched. Press the units open, pressing seams toward the darker fabric. Each pair of squares makes two blocks that are half light and half dark. You should have 32 blocks.

For the next step, you'll need the 32 2" squares you cut. On each block, center a 2" square in the middle and topstitch 1/8" inside the raw edge to fasten it to the middle of the block. Isn't that about the simplest raw-edge applique you've ever done? When you've done all 32 blocks, you're ready to move on.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Now that you've gotten all your blocks constructed, it's time to set them together.

Refer to the picture for placement, and join the blocks into diagonal rows. Make sure that all your dark triangles are pointing the same direction, so that all your light triangles are pointing the same direction. Use the large setting triangles on the ends of the rows, and the four small triangles for each corner. Join the rows together to complete the middle.

ADDING THE BORDERS

All that's left is adding the borders. Your strips are already cut to the width they need to be. We'll start with the inner border.

Remember to use the carpenter's rule: Measure twice, Cut once!

Step 1) Measure your quilt top from top to bottom through the center. (Don't measure an outside edge, as it can stretch and give you an inaccurate reading.) Write this number down so you can refer to it. Cut two of your inner border strips to this length. If your border strips are not long enough, piece two together, then cut your length. Add these strips to the sides of the quilt, pressing seams toward the strip.

Step 2) Measure your quilt top from side to side through the center, including the strips you just added. Write this number down. Cut two more strips to this length, and add them to the top and bottom of the quilt.

Repeat Steps 1 and 2 above to add your outer borders.

That's it! You're all finished!