

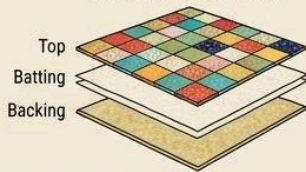
How to make a beautiful butterfly block



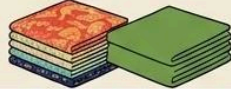
QUILT TUTORIAL: PATCHWORK BUTTERFLY QUILT (US Quilt Guild Style)

1. DESIGN & FABRIC PREPARATION

EXPLODED VIEW DIAGRAM



- Gather cotton fabrics.
- Pre-wash all fabrics.
- Press flat.
- Plan your color palette for wings and borders.



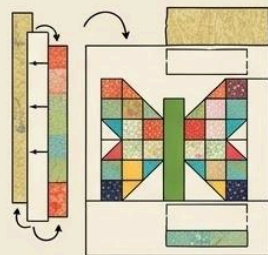
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BUTTERFLY BLOCK LAYOUT SCHEMATIC



- A. BUTTERFLY WING SQUARES:**
Cut 180 squares of 6.4cm (from various prints). (Total 60 prints)
- B. BUTTERFLY H6 BODY:**
Cut 60 squares of 6.4cm x 6.4cm (from various prints). (Total 30 prints).
- C. BINDING:** Cut 6 strips 6.4cm x WOF (Width of Fabric) for final edges.

- A. PIECE THE WINGS:**
Sew wing squares (5 per row, 6 rows per wing) using a 0.6cm seam allowance. Press seams alternating.
- C. ASSEMBLE BLOCK:**
Sew wing panels to sides of green body. Sew cream rectangles above and below. Press seams to green body.

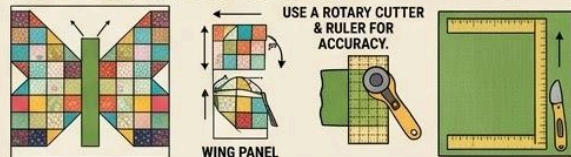


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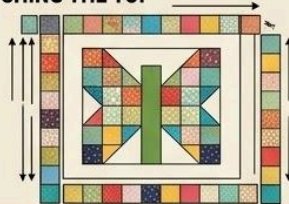
- **Border Squares**
Cut 180 squares of 6.4cm x 6.4cm (from various prints).
- **Butterfly Wing Squares**
Cut 60 squares of 6.4cm x 6.4cm (from various prints). (Total 30 prints).
- **Butterfly Body**
Cut 1 rectangle of 6.4cm x 33cm (from solid green).
- **Cream Background**
Cut 2 rectangles of 33cm x 13.3cm (above/below body).
Cut 2 rectangles of 20cm x 19.1cm
- **Binding**
Cut 6 strips of 6.4cm x WOF

3. BUTTERFLY BLOCK ASSEMBLY (Cream and Green/Wing pieces)



4. ADDING BORDERS & FINISHING THE TOP

- A. PIECE BORDER STRIPS:**
Create long strips of border squares.
- B. SEW BORDERS:**
Pin and sew border strips to the butterfly block. Sew top/bottom first, then sides. Press well.



5. QUILTING, BINDING, & US QUILT GUILD METHODS

- A. Layer** Top, Batting, and Backing. Pin baste.
- B. QUILT:** Machine-quilt in-the-ditch or simple.
- C. BIND:** Apply a double-fold binding for a professional finish.
- D. ADD SIGNATURE TAG:** Add a small fabric label with details.

QUILTING SANDWICH
Basting (Pin or Spray)

US QUILT STITCHING METHODS (LEGEND BELOW)

MACHINE CHAIN-PIECING (US Quilt Method)

MACHINE CHAIN-PIECING

STARCHED FABRIC

ROTARY CUTTING PRECISION

WEAVE IN ENDS

STYLIZED TAG
LOVE, COORE, BERRY, [97]

IN-THE-DITCH STITCHING

DOUBLE-FOLD BINDING

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Materials You Will Need

Before starting your quilt project, gather:

- Fabric squares (assorted colors for patchwork top)
- Background fabric (for borders and wing panel sections)
- Batting (middle layer)
- Backing fabric
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Sewing machine (or hand sewing tools)
- Pins or clips
- Iron
- Thread (matching or neutral)



Step 1: Preparing the Patchwork Top

Start by creating your quilt top using small fabric squares.

Cut your fabric into evenly sized squares (commonly 4" or 5").

Lay out your squares on a flat surface and arrange them into a balanced color pattern. The diagram suggests a colorful grid layout, so mix light, dark, and bright tones evenly.

Once satisfied with the layout:

- Sew squares together row by row using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance
- Press seams flat after each row
- Join all rows together to complete the quilt top

Take your time aligning seams so corners match cleanly 😊



Step 2: Pressing and Planning

After assembling the top:

Press the entire quilt top flat using an iron. This step is very important for a professional finish.

Now plan your color palette for:

- Borders
- Wing panel (as shown in the diagram)

Choose coordinating fabrics that complement your patchwork center.

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Step 3: Creating the Wing Panel

The diagram shows a “wing panel” section, which appears to be a decorative side panel made from patchwork and shaped cutting.

To create it:


- Assemble a smaller patchwork panel similar to your main top
- Press it flat
- Using a ruler and rotary cutter, trim the panel into the required shape (following the angled/wing-like outline shown)

Be precise when cutting, as symmetry is important for the final look.

Step 4: Cutting and Shaping

Using your ruler and rotary cutter:

- Trim edges of your quilt top so everything is square
- Cut any additional border strips
- Shape side panels if needed (like the wing panel)

Always measure twice before cutting to avoid mistakes 

Step 5: Layering the Quilt (Quilt Sandwich)

Now build your quilt layers.

Lay them in this order:

- Backing fabric (right side down)
- Batting (center layer)
- Quilt top (right side up)

Smooth out each layer carefully to remove wrinkles.

Pin or clip all layers together to hold them in place.

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Step 6: Quilting the Layers

Now stitch through all three layers.

You can quilt in several ways:

- Straight lines (following the grid of your patchwork)
- Stitch-in-the-ditch (along seam lines)
- Simple decorative patterns

Start from the center and work outward to prevent shifting.

Step 7: Adding Borders

Attach borders around your quilt top.

Cut fabric strips for borders and sew them:

- First attach side borders
- Then attach top and bottom borders

Press seams flat after attaching each border.

Make sure borders are even and not stretched.

Step 8: Finishing the Edges (Binding)

To finish your quilt:

Cut binding strips (usually 2.5" wide).

Sew strips together to create one long strip.

Attach binding to the front edge of the quilt:

- Sew around the edges with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam
- Fold binding over to the back
- Hand stitch or machine stitch it down neatly

Corners can be folded into mitered edges for a clean finish.

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Step 9: Final Touches

Once binding is complete:

- Trim any loose threads
- Lightly press the finished quilt
- Check all seams for security

Your quilt is now complete 

Helpful Tips for Beginners

- Always keep seams consistent ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch is standard in the U.S.)
- Press frequently for a clean look
- Use pins or clips to prevent fabric shifting
- Take your time when cutting and aligning pieces
- You now have a beautiful finished quilt using the techniques shown in your diagram



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