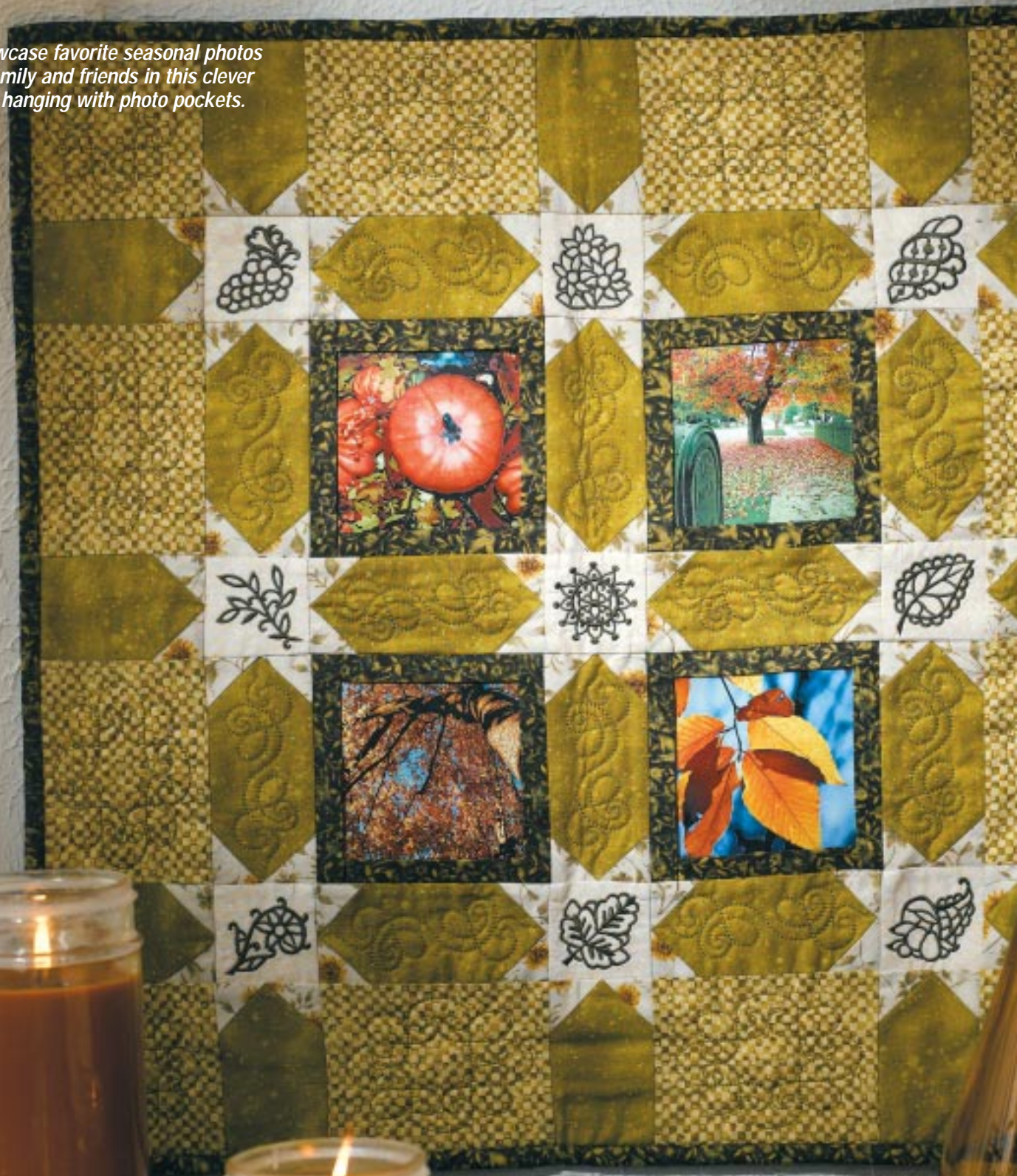


Showcase favorite seasonal photos or family and friends in this clever wall hanging with photo pockets.



Mini Memories

by Mary Griffin

This fun memory quilt is perfect for celebrating the holidays or for remembering a special occasion. The unique photo pockets allow you to display pictures and change them whenever you want. The embroidery adds a custom touch.

supplies

Note: All fabrics are 44"/45" wide. Finished size is 25" square.

- ☐ Seasonal Memories pattern #314
- ☐ One fat quarter of cream floral for pieced stars
- ☐ One fat quarter of green mottled print for sashing and photo background squares
- ☐ One fat quarter of cream solid for embroidered squares
- ☐ 1/3 yard of dark green fabric for binding and picture frames
- ☐ 1 yard of checked fabric for border rectangles, cornerstones and backing
- ☐ Fusible mesh cut-away, water-soluble tear-away and spray stabilizer
- ☐ 25" square of batting
- ☐ Temporary spray adhesive
- ☐ Embroidery, bobbin and sewing thread
- ☐ Four photos of your choice approximately 4 1/4" square
- ☐ Small embroidery designs and outline quilting designs of your choice



pieced star embroidery

- ◆ Fuse mesh cut-away stabilizer to the back of the cream solid fabric.
- ◆ Use software to group several designs at once and stitch out using a larger hoop, if available. Be sure to leave enough room around each design to allow them to be cut into 2 1/2" squares. Otherwise re-hoop as needed.
- ◆ Embroider nine designs; un-hoop.
- ◆ Using the design template, find the center and mark a 2 1/2" square around each motif. Cut out the squares. The stabilizer remains in place.

cutting

- ◆ From the cream floral fabric, cut out 72 1 1/2" squares. Fold each square in half on the bias and press. These will become the pieced stars.
- ◆ From the green mottled fabric:
 - ◇ Cut 12 2 1/2" x 4" and 12 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles for the sashing.
 - ◇ Cut four 5" squares for the photo backgrounds.
- ◆ For the dark green floral:
 - ◇ Spray stabilizer on the back of the fabric and press dry.

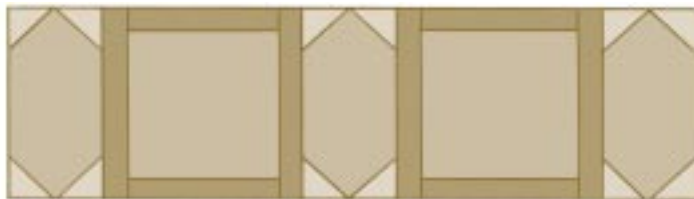


- ◇ Cut 16 1 1/2" x 5" strips along the lengthwise grain for the photo frames. Fold the strips in half lengthwise and press.
- ◇ Cut 96" of 2 1/2"-wide binding strips.
- ◆ From the checked fabric:
 - ◇ Cut eight 4" x 5" rectangles for the sides.
 - ◇ Cut four 4" squares for the cornerstones.

A Stitch row of blocks.



B Join sashing to picture frames.



C Join rows.



D Place a 1 1/2" star square right side down on one end.



E Stitch another triangle to opposite corner.



F Assemble side borders.

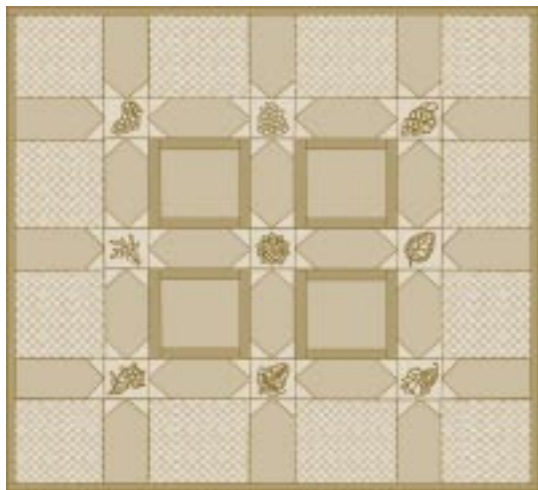


assembly

Note: Sew right sides together using 1/4" seams.

- ◆ Follow the pattern guidesheet to construct the frame sashing units.
- ◆ Follow the diagram to stitch a row of blocks together as shown (A). Repeat to complete two more rows, using the other six embroidered squares. Set aside.
- ◆ Make the picture frames:
 - ◇ Begin with a 5" square right side up.
 - ◇ Align a 1 1/2" x 5" folded strip to the upper and lower edges of the square with raw edges matching. Sew with an 1/8" seam.
 - ◇ Repeat with the right and left sides, overlapping the edges to create a place to insert a photo.
- ◆ Repeat to make three more picture frames.
- ◆ Follow the diagram to join the sashing to the picture frames (B). Make two.
- ◆ Join the rows as shown (C). Press.
- ◆ Make the star border units:
 - ◇ Begin with a 2 1/2" x 4" rectangle right side up.
 - ◇ Place a 1 1/2" star square right side down on one end as shown (D).

G Quilt Diagram



H Assemble upper/lower borders.



- ◇ Stitch along the pressed line.
- ◇ Trim excess fabric away from the triangle and press the triangle toward the sashing.
- ◇ Stitch another triangle to the opposite corner and press (E).
- ◇ Repeat to create 12 units.
- ◇ Follow the diagram to assemble the side borders as shown (F).
- ◇ Repeat to create two.
- ◆ Follow the Quilt Diagram to sew the side borders to the quilt top (G).
- ◆ Follow the diagram to assemble the upper/lower borders (H).
- ◆ Repeat to create two.
- ◆ Sew the upper and lower borders to the quilt top (refer to Figure G).

finishing

- ◆ Layer the backing wrong side up, batting and quilt top right side up; baste or pin the layers together.
- ◆ Quilt as desired. Our sample features machine quilting in the sashing around the picture frames and in the checkered fabric sections of the border. To achieve this look:
 - ◇ Print or stitch templates of the designs and mark the quilt.
 - ◇ Hoop the quilt, aligning the guidemarks. Embroider the design. No stabilizer is necessary because of the batting. Re-hoop and continue embroidering outline designs as desired.
- ◆ Follow the steps in "General Directions" on page 80 to bind the quilt and miter the corners. ✂

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