

Forest Secrets Table Topper

Pick your favorite bird and surround her with nesting material in this pretty little table topper for the center of your table.

Finishes approx 32" x 32". Pattern # 11104



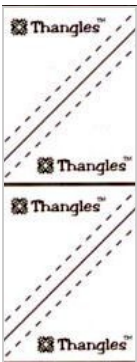
Requirements

1/8 yard Dark Green
1/8 yard Light Green
1/8 yard Brown
1/2 yard Tan
1/4 yard Ecrú

1/4 yard Center Bird Fabric
1/8 yard Leaf Fabric
1/2 yard Border
1/3 yard Binding
1 Pkg 3" Thangles

Before beginning this or any other project, wash and press your fabric. If you like the behavior of crisp fabric as you cut, sew and press your project, try a little [Best Press](#) when you iron it. Take the time to clean your machine a, put in a new needle and fill a few bobbins. It will save you time later. Unless the pattern tells you otherwise, you should always assume that the seam in any quilting pattern is 1/4" wide.

All strips are cut by with Width of Fabric. This pattern uses Thangles to make perfect Half Square Triangle Blocks (HSTs.) Directions for using Thangles are included in the package. If you use another method, be sure to cut your strips for that method and not this one.



Center Bird Fabric: (1) square 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", cut on point.

Ecrú: (2) strips 3-1/2" wide. Cut these strips into (4) sections that are 9-1/2" long and (4) 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares.

Dark Green: (1) strip 3-1/2" wide. Cut this strip into (2) sections that are 9-1/2" long and (4) 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares.

Light Green: (1) strip 3-1/2" wide. Cut this strip into (1) section that is 9-1/2" long and (4) 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares.

Brown: (1) strip 3-1/2" wide. Cut this strip into (1) section that is 9 1/2" long.

Leaf Fabric: (1) strip 3-1/2" wide. Cut this strip into (2) sections that are 9-1/2" long.

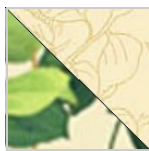
Tan: (2) squares 13-3/4" x 13-3/4", cut on the diagonal to make (4) triangles.

Border: (4) strips 3-1/2" wide

Binding: (4) strips 2-1/2" wide

Making the Half Square Triangles

Using the appropriate 3-1/2" x 9-1/2" strips and Thangles, make the following HSTs. If you have used Thangles, your HSTs are perfect and your seams are pressed to the dark.



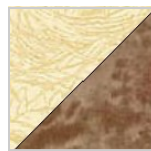
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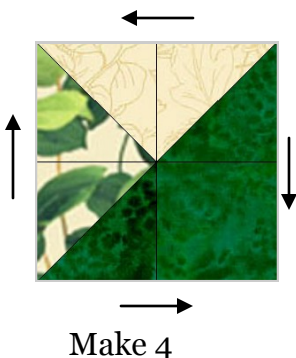


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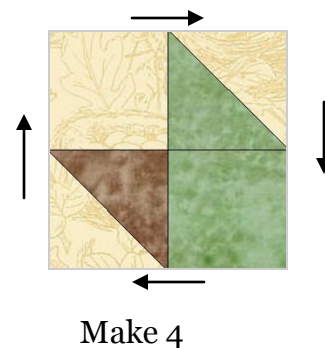
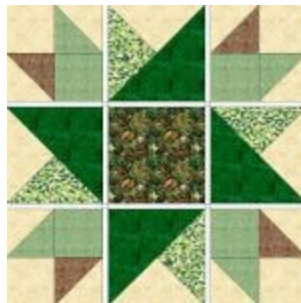
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Making the Center Block



Using the 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" ecru, light green and dark green squares, make (4) blocks like the one to right and (4) blocks like to one to the right. Press as shown by the arrows.

Using the 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" bird fabric block for the center, sew these blocks into a nine-patch as shown below. Press. Your block will measure 18-1/2".



Make 4

Setting the Block on Point



Sew a tan triangle to both sides of the block you just made, matching the center of the triangle with the center of the block. Press to the triangle. Repeat with the other two triangles, creating the center square-in-a-square design. These tan triangles have been cut very slightly too large, so you will need to square up this block to 25-1/2" x 25-1/2". Don't cut off your seam allowance! Press.

Adding the Borders

Cut two of the 3-1/2" wide border fabrics 25-1/2" long. Sew these to the top and bottom of your quilt block. Match the center of the border fabric with the center of the block, easing to fit if necessary. Press to the border. Cut two more borders that are 31-1/2" long. Sew these to both sides of the quilt block again matching centers and easing to fit if necessary. Press.

You are done! Before you lose your momentum, bat, back and quilt this table topper. Don't forget to add a label on the back!

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