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Calendar

Cut fabric for the main piece, seasonal pieces and the month pieces in sizes listed:

Cut one piece of plastic 11" x 14".

Off-white - for the main piece cut two 13"x2", one 13"x10", one 13"x13". For the four seasonal pieces cut four 6" x 6".

Light green- for the main piece cut seven 13" x 2", two 10" x 2" eight 2" x 2" and one 30" x 16³/₄" for quilt backing. For the four seasonal pieces cut sixteen 6" x 2" and sixteen 2" x 2".

Dark green- for the main piece cut fourteen 2" x 2". For the seasonal pieces cut thirty-two 2" x 2". For

For this project, you will need:

- 12 Pieces 8¹/₂" x 11" card stock (*we used off-white*)
- Cut-away stabilizer
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Anti-fray solution
- Spray adhesive (*adhesive for calendar accents*)
- Hook and loop tape
- Disappearing ink pen
- Quilt batting (*crib size*)
- Medium or heavy plastic
- Fabric: Light color for embroidered and background pieces and three coordinating colors of your choice.
- We used 1 yard off-white with a light floral print, 1¹/₂ yards light green, ¹/₂ yard dark green and ¹/₂ yard purple.

Optional: 7¹/₂ yards pre-made binding

Hint-purchase extra fabric so you can add birthday, anniversary, and holiday pieces to your collection. Use the seasonal piece fabric and instructions.

Designs: SC0296, SC0297, SC0298, SC0299, FL1299, GD0195, GD0197, GD0193, GD0194, GD0191, GD0192, months JAN-DEC, Calendar accents-HY0569, HY0570, HY0571, HY0574

the main and seasonal pieces cut 270" (7¹/₂ yards) for binding. (*Or use pre-made binding.*)

Purple-for the main piece four 13" x 2", two 10" x 2" and fourteen 2" x 2". For the seasonal pieces cut sixteen 6" x 2" and sixteen 2" x 2".

The embroidered fabric for the twelve months should have 1" of fabric surrounding each word. We chose to use a ³/₄" font. The combination binding/back piece of fabric is 1¹/₂" wider and longer than the embroidered piece. We used off-white for the embroidered piece and dark green for the binding/



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back piece.

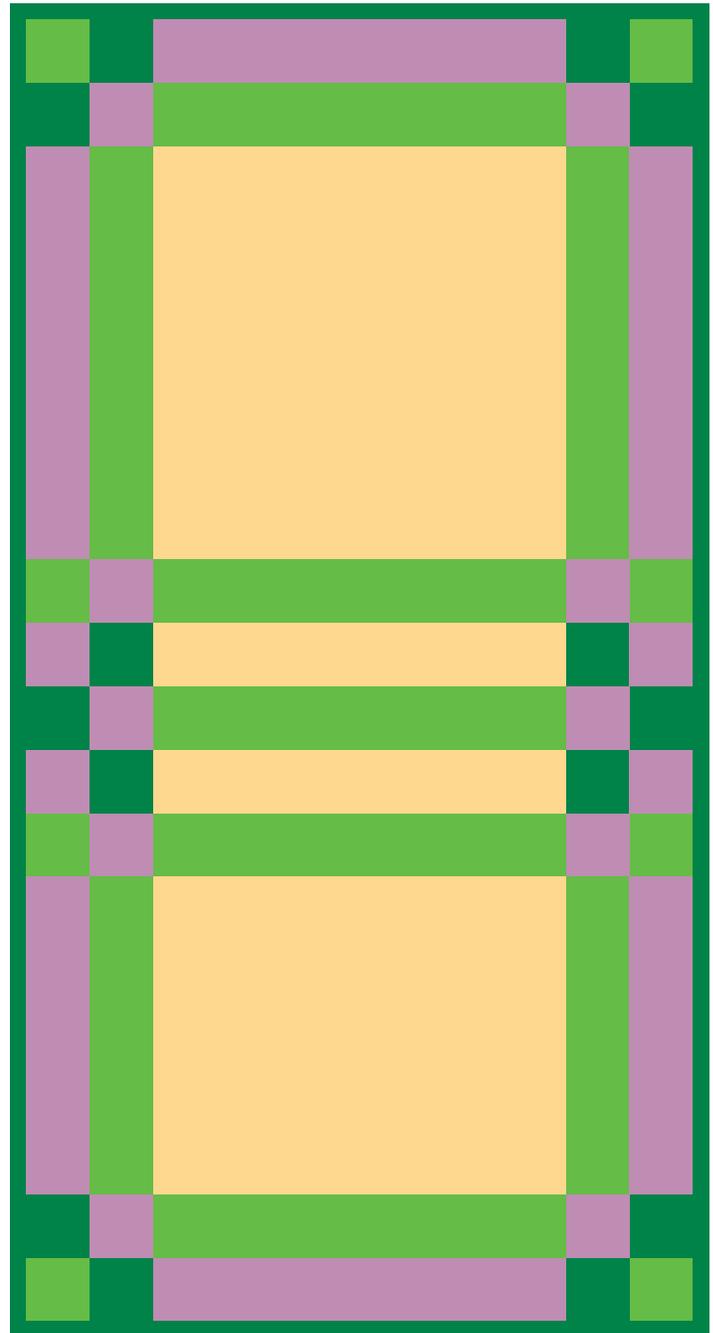
Embroidery

1. For seasonal pieces mark center of one 6" x 6" piece of fabric with disappearing ink pen. Hoop two pieces of cut-away and one 6" x 6" piece of fabric. Embroider design. Remove hoop. Leave the cutaway for stabilization when the seasonal pieces are quilted. Repeat for the remaining 6" x 6" pieces.
2. For seasonal accent pieces hoop two pieces cut-away, spray adhesive on cut-away. Mark the center of 6" x 2" piece of light green fabric and adhere to cut-away. Embroider design. Remove hoop and trim cutaway to size of fabric. Repeat for remaining 6" x 2" pieces of fabric. We used four seasonal accents on the spring and fall pieces and left the four light green pieces blank on the winter and summer pieces.
3. Embroider the months of the year using the same technique as step 2.
4. Embroider calendar accents on two layers of tear-away. We hooped the two layers together and then stitched several of the accents within the hoop. Remove the hoop and outline each accent with anti-fray solution. When the solution has dried, trim around accents.

Construction

Main piece:

1. Before beginning to sew, lay out all pieces as they will be sewn together. This will ensure that all your pieces are the correct size and in the correct place. *(See chart to the right for reference.)*
2. Beginning at the top, piece together each row using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams.

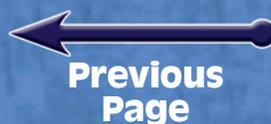


Option 1: When piecing together the widest bottom row place vinyl piece on top of off white fabric before sewing seams.

Option 2: You may wait until after quilting the main piece and stitch the vinyl over the top of the lower off white piece. *(This is the option we used.)*



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3. Lightly press all seams to one side (*toward the darker fabric*). Be careful not to press the plastic! Press quilt blocks flat.
4. Attach quilt top to lining by placing light green 30" x 16³/₄" fabric wrong side up on a flat surface. Spread quilt batting over the lining and then center the quilt top over the batting with the right side facing up. Pin layers together.
5. Quilt the main piece by stitching in the ditch.
6. Quilt the two large off white pieces. We used a sunburst design.
7. Bind all four edges.

Seasonal Patches

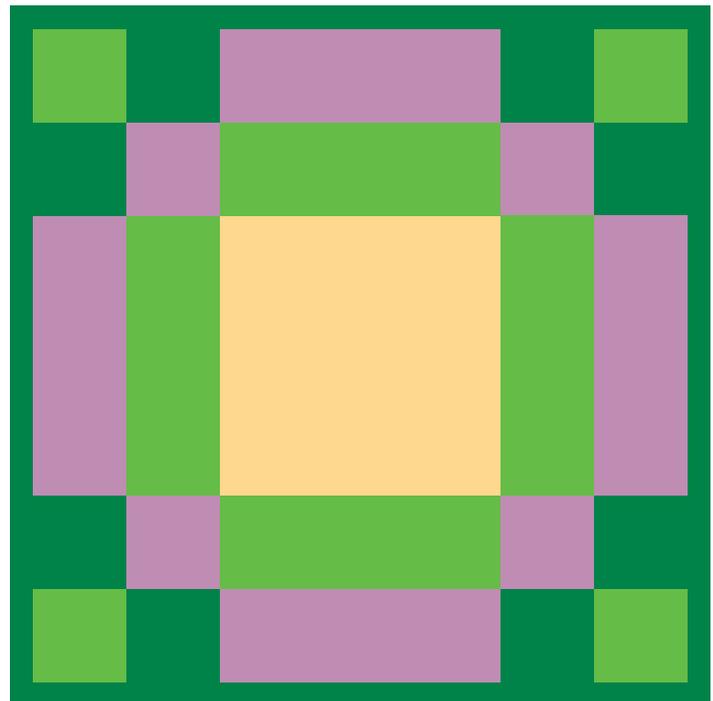
1. Piece together and bind the seasonal patches the same as the main calendar following steps 1-5 and 7.

Months of the year pieces

1. Center embroidered piece on backing fabric (dark green) with wrong sides together. Press a narrow hem all around outer edge of backing fabric. Wrap backing fabric to the front, press mitering corners and covering raw edges of the light fabric. Top-stitch in place. (*You do not need to add the batting to these pieces.*)

Hook and loop tape

1. Cut four 1" pieces of hook and loop tape for each seasonal patch and sew 1/2" from each corner. Cut two 1" pieces for each month and center on back, stitch 1/2" down from top and 1/2" up from bottom. Sew matching hook and loop tape to calendar. Center a seasonal square at the top position of calendar and using the smallest month center it on the calendar under the seasonal square. Stitch in place.



Seasonal Patches layout chart.

Printing Calendar Months

1. Using the PDF file Calendar 5 row or Calendar 6 row, from this CD, print a blank month on card stock. Stamp or print the numbers in the squares.



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Grocery Bag Holder with Pocket

For this project, you will need:

- Cut-away stabilizer
- 1/2 yard of main fabric-purple
- 2 - 6" x 9" of coordinating light colored fabric-off-white
- 1/4 yard dark green for binding 2" x 36" or pre-made binding
- 1 package 1/2" wide elastic
- Design GRDN1

Construction

1. Cut one piece of purple fabric to measure 18" x 21" and one piece to measure 8" x 9".
2. Mark center of one 6" x 9" off-white piece of fabric. Hoop with two pieces of cutaway. Embroider design. Remove from hoop. Leave the cut-away backing the full size of the fabric; this will add body to the finished piece.
3. Place the wrong side of off white fabric piece to the wrong side of off white embroidered fabric matching corners. Bind off top edge with dark green.
4. Place two pieces of the backing fabric (purple) wrong sides together. Lay the embroidered piece on top, matching bottoms. Bind off all four raw edges with dark green.
5. Place finished pocket about 3" up from 18" edge of the right side of the main fabric piece and topstitch in place.
6. Sew center back seam using 1/2" seam allowance and press open.
7. Cut two pieces of elastic 9" long.
8. Hem both ends of the bag holder using 3/4" hem and leaving an opening to insert the elastic.
9. Insert elastic and sew both ends to secure the elastic. Slip stitch the opening closed.
10. Make loop for hanging at center back of bag holder with left over binding. Top-stitch in place at the top of the bag holder.



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1. Mark center of fabric with disappearing ink pen. Hoop fabric and two pieces cut-away. Embroider design. Remove from hoop.
2. Trim fabric and cut-away edges with decorative fabric scissors.
3. Cut heavy weight fabric or card stock with decorative scissors $\frac{1}{2}$ " - $\frac{3}{4}$ " longer and wider than the embroidered fabric.
4. Adhere the cut-away to the embroidered fabric with double-sided tape.
5. Adhere the embroidered fabric/cut-away to the heavy weight fabric or card stock with double-sided tape.
6. Adhere the heavy weight fabric or card stock to the watering can.

Watering Can

For this project, you will need:

- Small decorative watering can
- Double-sided tape
- Heavy weight fabric or card stock
- Fabric - scrap piece large enough for embroidery design
- Cut-away stabilizer
- Disappearing ink pen
- Decorative fabric scissors
- Design GRDN5



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Bulletin Board Pockets

For this project, you will need:

- Corkboard
- Quilt batting or buckram
- Fabric- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of off-white, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of light green, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of purple, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of dark green or 4 yards of pre-made binding
- Cut-away stabilizer
- Disappearing ink pen
- Spray adhesive
- Designs: GRDN2, GRDN3, GRDN4

Pocket 1

Design GRDN4

Cut two pieces cut-away stabilizer and two pieces off white fabric 8" x 8". Cut one piece quilt batting and two pieces purple fabric 8" x 10".

Pocket 2

Design GRDN3

Cut two pieces cut-away stabilizer and two pieces off white fabric 6" x 10". Cut one piece quilt batting and two pieces purple fabric 8" x 10".

Pocket 3

Design GRDN2

Cut two pieces cut-away stabilizer and two pieces off white fabric 8" x 9". Cut one piece of quilt batting and two pieces purple fabric 8" x 11".

Binding

If you are making your own binding you will need three pieces of binding each measuring 2" x 48".

Embroider Designs

1. Mark center on off-white fabric with disappearing



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ink. Hoop one piece of fabric with the two pieces cut away stabilizer. Embroider design. Remove from hoop. Leave the cut-away backing the full size of the fabric; this will add body to the finished piece.

2. Repeat for remaining two pockets.

Construction of pockets

1. Use 1/2" seams.
2. Place the wrong side of off white fabric piece to the wrong side of off white embroidered fabric matching corners. Bind off top edge.
3. Sandwich the two pieces of the backing fabric (*purple*) with the batting and lay the embroidered piece on top, matching bottoms. Bind off all four raw edges.
4. Repeat for remaining two pockets.

Bulletin Board

1. If possible remove the frame from the corkboard. (*We used a corkboard without the frame.*) Paint the frame if desired. If you are not able to remove the frame, cut fabric to fit cork area, mask the frame to avoid spraying the adhesive on areas that will not be covered with fabric. Spray the cork with the adhesive. Apply the fabric. I have had the best luck spraying and applying the fabric from top to bottom in 8-12 inches at a time.
2. Using decorative push-pins or tacks attach the pockets to the corkboard.
3. Add hooks and bulldog style clips.

Hint-Purchase a frame and cut the corkboard to fit.



Note Card

For this project, you will need:

- 1 - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" neutral colored note card
- Small scrap pieces of card stock
- Brads
- Double sided adhesive
- Small scrap pieces of heavier weight fabric
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Spray adhesive
- Disappearing ink pen
- Design FL1299

1. Mark center of fabric.
2. Hoop two pieces of tear away stabilizer.
3. Spray adhesive on tear away, lay fabric on stabilizer.
4. Embroider design. Remove tear away.
5. Fringe edges of fabric.
6. Layer card stock with adhesive to the front of the note card. Add brads to the card stock before you adhere it to the note card.
7. Adhere sew out to the front of the card.

Hint: You could also frame the card.



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