

Jane Sassaman's Butterfly Garden Quilt Pattern

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Fabric: Jane's Butterfly Garden by FreeSpirit
Finished size: approximately 60" x 60"

Fabric Yardages

Pre-washed fabric

Red & Pink Butterfly Silhouette

(D1086-628): 1-2/3 yard

Bell Flower on white background

(D1081-010): 2/3 yard

Mille Fleur on white background

(D1084-010): 1 yard

Butterfly & Blossoms, yellow background

(D1085-501): 2 yards

Schmetterling on purple background

(D1082-950): 1-2/3 yard

Morning Glory on red background

(D1083-100): 1-2/3 yard

Green Stripe (D1087-033): 1/4 yard

Pastel Stripe (D1087-100): 1/8 yard

Red Stripe (D1087-912): 1/8 yard

Optional (for backing)

Butterflies & Blossoms, pink background

(D1085-619): 3 yards

Tip: You can isolate elements easier if you cut your own plastic templates. Make your template from see-through graphed plastic template. This will allow you to see that the fabric design is properly centered before cutting. Cut the template with the seam allowances included. If your template plastic is too small, simply piece them together with clear tape.

Constructing the quilt

Use the color photograph as your guide. *Pay close attention to the direction of the prints.* Before you cut your fabric, refer to the picture to make sure the fabric is aligned properly for that piece: some run horizontal, others run vertical.

Construct center diamond. Cut an 11-1/2" square from the Bell Flower cloth (D1081-010), isolating one of the Bell Flowers as shown in the quilt picture.

Cut four 1-1/2" x 13" strips of the Red Stripes (D1087-912) as a border for the Bell Flower. Center the strip on each side. Mitre the edges by stitching the strips to the Bell Flower diamond, starting & stopping 1/4" from the edge of each side. Fold the block in half diagonally, face-in, extend the strips so they face each other, and stitch the strips closed on a 45 degree angle. Finish all four sides. Trim excess fabric from the four mitres. You now have the center block of your inner 9-patch.

Cut the four 12-1/2" square diamonds from the Schmetterling fabric with the purple background (D1082-950), isolating one of the two sets of matching butterflies per diamond. Similarly, cut the 12-1/2" diamonds from the Morning Glory fabric (D1083-100) isolating the spiral element as seen in the photograph.



To print a larger picture, go to www.JaneSassaman.com

Construct the center diagonal 9-patch as seen in the picture by stitching your diamonds together one row at a time, then sewing the rows together.

Next you will begin to construct the outer corners. Cut 9" squares for the four outermost corner elements from the Butterfly & Blossom fabric with the yellow background (D1085-501). Be sure to isolate the largest butterfly and blossom, as shown. Next, cut the 8-1/2" half-square triangles, isolating the slightly smaller butterfly which butt into the 9-patch.

Cut eight 7" x 18" strips of the Mille Fleur on the white background (D1084-010). You will need 4 horizontal pieces and 4 vertical pieces. See photo.

Cut eight 1-1/2" x 18" strips from the Pastel Stripes (D1087-100) and eight from the Green Stripes (D1087-033). Attach the Pastel Stripes to the inner edge of your Mille Fleur fabric. The Green Stripe is attached to the opposite edge. Mitre one end of each Mille Fleur sections, using the photo as your guide.

Piece each corner section in the sequence shown in the diagram: corner square to horizontal Mille Fleur strip, triangle to the vertical Mille Fleur strip. Sew the two sections together, trimming excess fabric if necessary. Sew a corner unit to each edge of your 9-patch.

Construct the outside borders by cutting four 3-1/2" x 30" horizontal and four 3-1/2" x 30" vertical strips from the Red & Pink Butterfly Silhouettes (D1086-628). Be sure the butterflies are centered. We are cutting extra fabric so you can eventually isolate the proper portion of the butterfly design.

Cut eight 1-1/2" x 30" strips from the Green Stripes (D1087-033) and sew them to the outside edge of each Butterfly Silhouette border.

Cut the four 5" tall blossom triangles from Butterflies & Blossoms on the yellow background (D1085-501). Mitre each Silhouette section so the red butterflies will be centered on either side of the triangles. See photo. Stitch together. Line up the yellow triangles with the 9 patch corners on both sides and attach. Trim any extra fabric away. Now line up the top and bottom borders and trim, if needed, but do not sew yet.

Now, for the final corner blocks. Cut four 5" squares around the

flowering sprigs on the Schmetterling fabric (D1082-950). Sew these blocks to the ends of your remaining borders, being sure they are facing the right direction. Attach borders. Your top is finished!

We recommend using Butterflies and Blossoms with the pink background (D1085-619) for the backing (approximately 3 yards). Baste and quilt as desired. Use 1-1/2" strips of the left-over Morning Glory strips to bind the quilt.

Finished Measurement Diagram: Seam allowance not included in this diagram. Written directions give dimensions with seam allowance included.

