

Prairie Reflections



Pattern Designed for Northcott's Prairie Meadow by Natural Born Quilter

A project featuring Prairie Meadow fabrics by
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Finished Project Size: 19" x 19"

Technique: Traditional and Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Seam allowance 1/4"

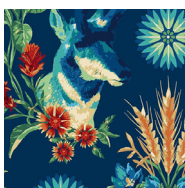
Tools: Rotary Cutter, Cutting Mat, add a quarter ruler, pins, ruler

Additional Materials: 4 copies of FPP frame block printed actual size on size legal FPP paper

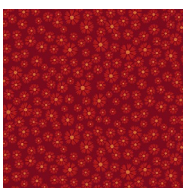
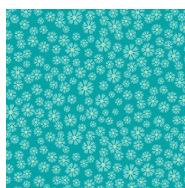
Fabric Requirements:



Prairie Prince - 1 FQ
Cream



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Navy

Blanket Flower - 1 FQ
RedBlanket Flower - 1 FQ
Turquoise

Glimmer Glade- 1 FQ
Cream

Cutting and Piecing Directions:

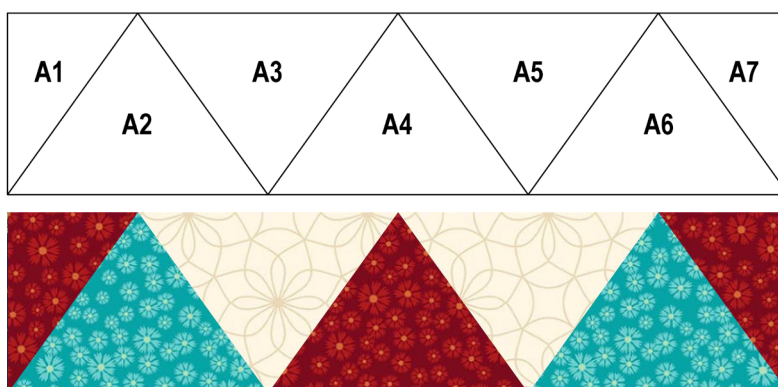
Follow splice fussy cutting and piecing directions using both FQs Prairie Prince fabrics as per page 2.

Centre your spliced focal and trim down to a 13 ½ “ square. You can do this by having your seam line at 6¾” to ensure it is centered.

After trimming your Prairie Princes splice fussy cut as above to 13 ½" square, use your fabric scraps from the Prairie Prince fabrics to cut four 3 ½" " squares for corner pieces. I recommend fussy cutting these on focal motifs in the fabric such as flowers.

For your FPP blocks cut four 6 ½" squares from Blanket Flower Turquoise and Glimmer Glade Cream, and sub cut on the diagonal. For Blanket Flower Red cut two 6 ½" squares and sub cut on the diagonal. Cut an additional four 4"x5" rectangles and sub cut on the diagonal.

Follow FPP piecing directions using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance by using an Add-a-Quarter Ruler. Follow numerical order on foundation papers A1 to A7. Use the following fabrics for each:



A1, A4, A7 – Blanket Flower Red

A2, A6 – Blanket Flower Turquoise

A3, A5 – Glimmer Glade Cream

Once complete trim frame blocks with a seam allowance as per FPP template to 13½" x 3½". Remove the foundation paper. Piece two of your FPP frame blocks on the vertical sides of your 13 ½" splice fussy cut square.

Sew a 3 ½" square to each side of your horizontal frame FPP block.

Sew your FPP frame with corners onto the top and bottom of your splice, noting where seams intersect on the cornerstone and using pins to ensure accurate placement and piecing.

Splice Fussy Cutting

an NBQ Favorite

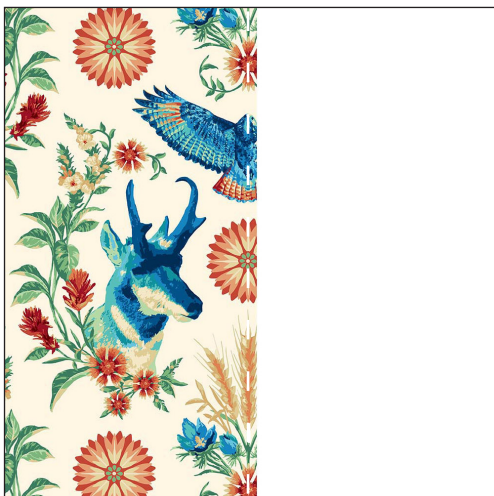
An excellent way to utilize scraps or make a stunning optical illusion block.

Using two colourways of your favorite focal fabric, prepare by ironing and starching the fabric.

Next find where you want to splice.

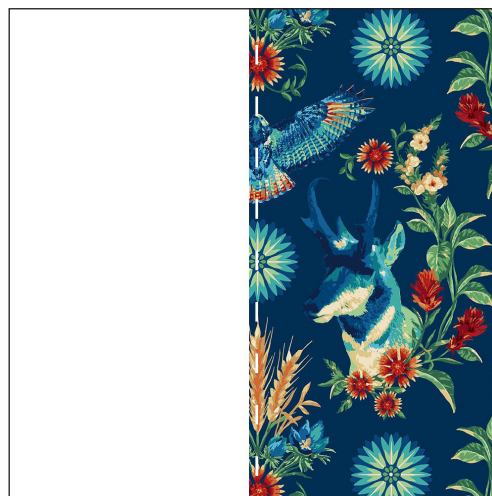
I suggest starting in the middle of a symmetrical image, like the Red Tail Hawk in this example.

Step 1 Find your middle point where you want the two fabrics to “splice” together. From that point cut a 1/4” to the right as in the cream example below.



White dashes represent 1/4 inch mark

Step 2 Find your middle point where you want the two fabrics to “splice” together. From that point cut a 1/4” to the left as in the navy example below.



White dashes represent 1/4 inch mark

Step 3 Using pins line up the fabrics where they are symmetrical, and pin to ensure accuracy when piecing together the splice.

**TIP: find a point close to a 1/4” and insert a pin perpendicular. Check if it is pinned through the same reference point on the second piece of fabric.*

Step 4 Splice the two pieces together sewing using a scant 1/4”. If the splice is not 100% accurate you can tighten up your seam allowance one thread width at a time. Press open.



Voila

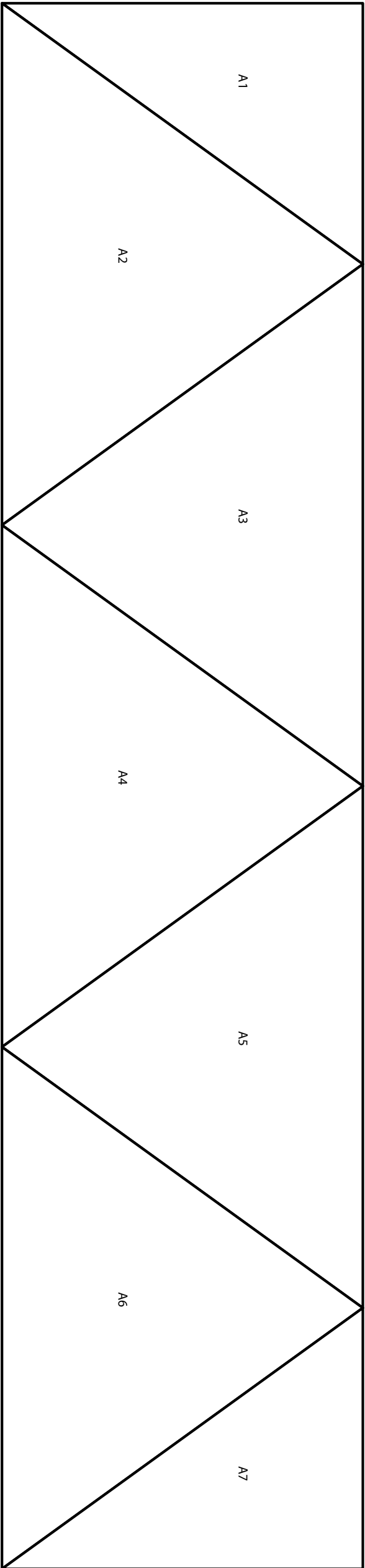
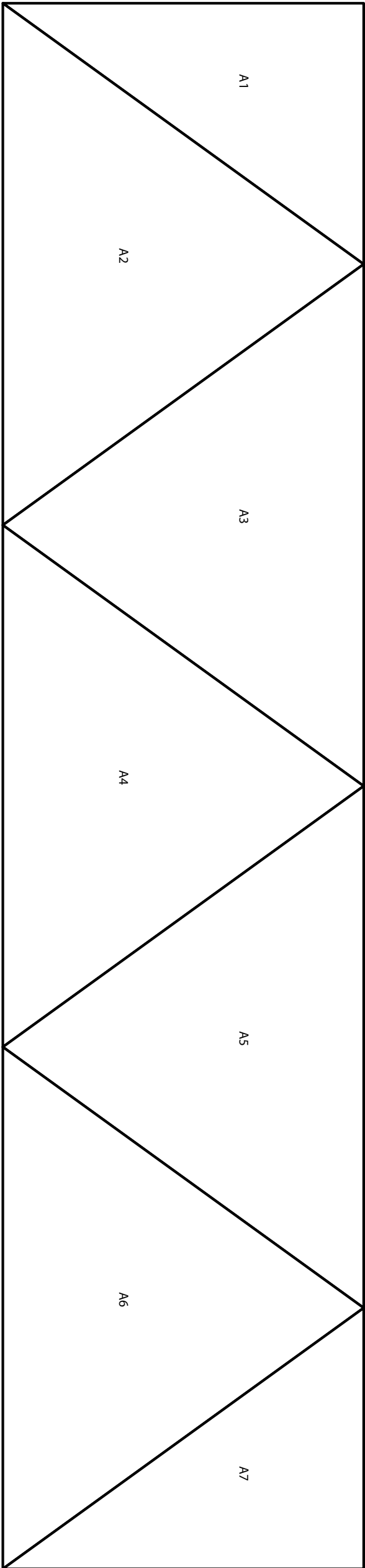
You have sewn a spliced fussy cut block. Create a mini quilt for a wall-hanging or turn your masterpiece into a throw pillow.



Fun Fact

Pronghorn Antelope can be spotted on North America's prairies and are the fastest land mammal in the Western Hemisphere.





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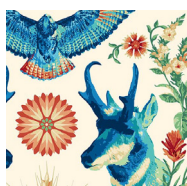
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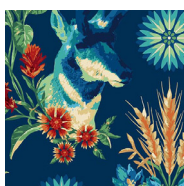
Featured Size: 19" x 19"

Technique: Piecing, Foundation Paper Piecing

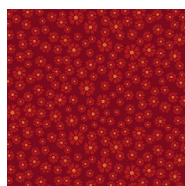
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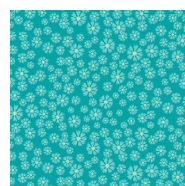
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Cream - 1 FQ



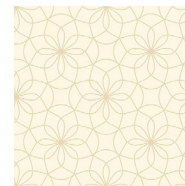
Prairie Prince 24231-44
Navy - 1 FQ



Blanket Flower 24236-24
Red - 1 FQ



Blanket Flower 24236-64
Turquoise - 1 FQ



Glimmer Glade 24237-11
Cream -1 FQ



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