

Bird Humbug

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Alexander Beetle Quilt designed by: **Janet Houts**

Quilt Size: **72" x 84"** • Pillow Sizes: **12" x 24"**, **24" x 24"**

Skill Level: **Beginner**

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Alexander Beetle Quilt

Introducing Andover Fabrics new collection: **BIRD HUMBUG** by Andover Fabrics

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Quilt finishes 72" x 84"

84 Blocks: 6" x 12"

Pillows finish: 12" x 24" and 24" x 24"

Celebrate spring, the blossoming of posies, and the return of seasonal birds and bugs with this original pattern.

The stitch-and-flip pieced blocks are quick to make, and they are easy enough for a beginning quiltmaker.

Cutting Directions

Note: Read assembly directions before cutting patches. All measurements are cut sizes and include 1/4" seam allowances. WOF designates the width of fabric from selvedge to selvedge (approximately 42" wide).

[Additional cutting for 2 pillows is in brackets.]

Fabric A

Cut (84) squares 6 1/2"

[Cut 8 additional squares 6 1/2", 4 for each pillow]

14 Prints

From each:
Cut (6) rectangles 6 1/2" x 12 1/2"

[From each of 4 prints, cut 1 rectangle 6 1/2" x 12 1/2" for the smaller rectangular pillow.]

[From each of 4 prints, cut 1 square 12 1/2" for the larger square pillow.]

Binding

Cut (8) strips 2 1/2" x WOF for binding

Backing

Cut (2) panels 39" x 90", pieced to fit quilt top with overlap on all sides

Making the Quilt

- The blocks are made with quick stitch-and-flip methods. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each Fabric A square. Referring to Diagram 1, place a marked square on a 6 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle, right sides together, aligning raw edges at one end of the rectangle as shown. Stitch on the drawn line; trim away and discard excess fabric. Press open. Make 6 blocks of each color (84 blocks total).
- Referring to the Quilt Diagram, arrange the blocks in 14 rows of 6 blocks each, rotating blocks so the white triangles meet as shown. Stand back to be sure that the same print does not touch itself. Looking through a camera or the wrong end of binoculars may help you find mistakes. Once you are satisfied with the arrangement, join the blocks into units of 4 blocks or 2 blocks. This helps prevent stitching a block in the wrong position. Join these larger units into rows, and then join the rows.

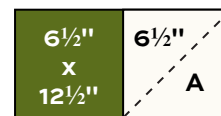


Diagram 1



Block
Make 6 each color

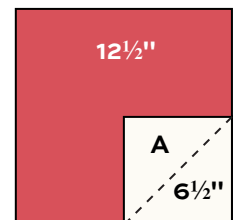


Diagram 2
For Large Pillow

Finishing the Quilt

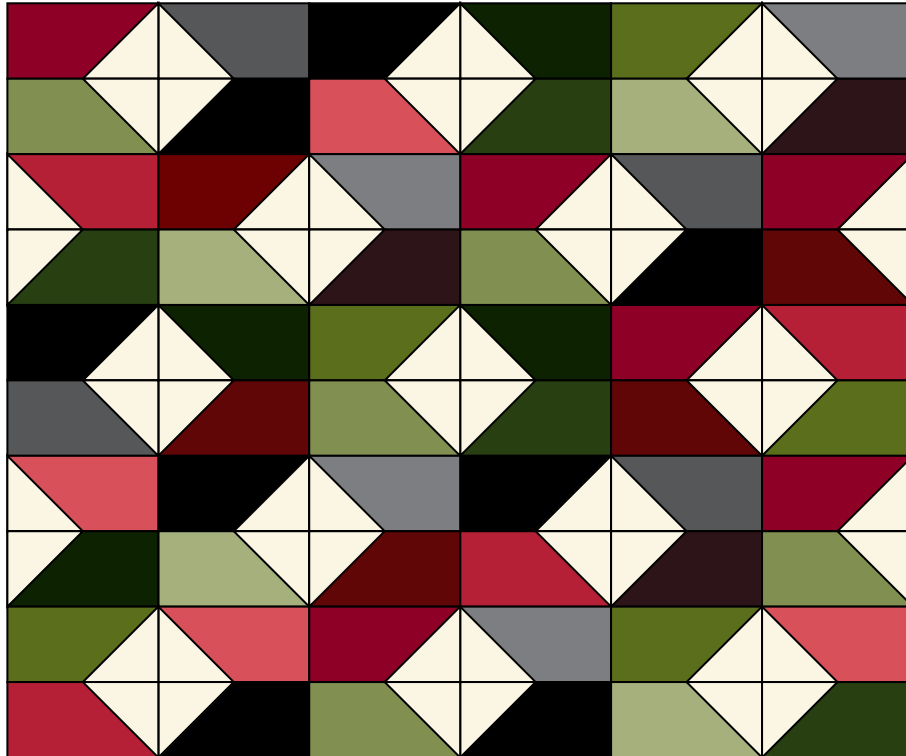
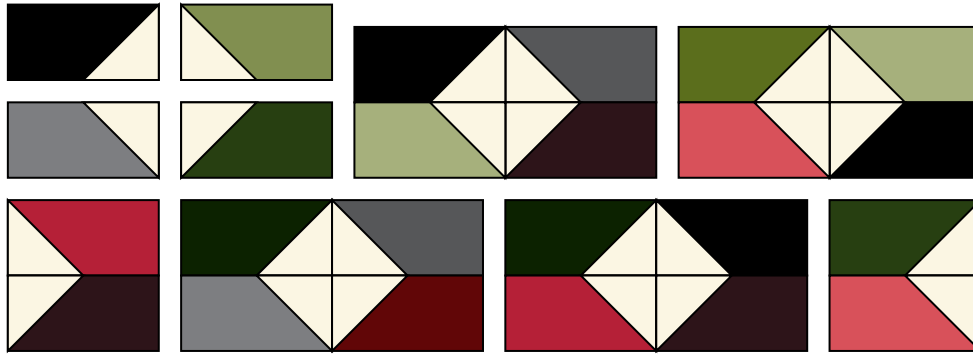
- Layer the quilt with batting and backing and baste. Quilt in the ditch around block patches, or quilt an overall pattern. Bind to finish the quilt.

Fabric Requirements

| | | Yardage | Fabric |
|------------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| Fabric A | blocks | 3 yards | 173-ML |
| 14 Prints | blocks | 1/2 yard each | |
| 171-MK | 172-MK | 174-MG | 174-MK |
| *174-MR | 175-MK | 176-MKG | 176-MKR |
| 177-G | 177-K | 177-R | 178-G |
| 178-K | 178-R | | |
| Binding | | 5/8 yard | *174-MR |
| Backing | | 5 yards | 176-MLG |

Note: To make both pillows (plus the quilt), 3/4 yard instead of 1/2 yard is needed of each of 4 print fabrics. Yardage for Fabric A is sufficient to make the quilt plus 2 pillows.

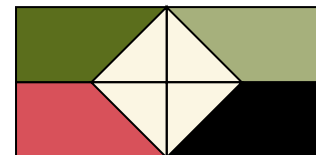
Also needed for pillows: 3/4 yard backing; polyfil for stuffing or pillow forms.



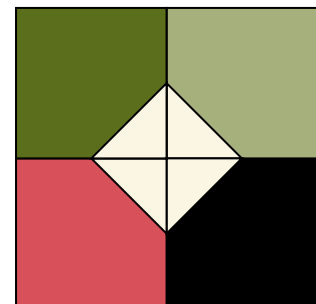
Quilt Diagram

Making the Pillows

1. Follow Step 1 to make 4 blocks for the 12" x 24" pillow. For the larger square pillow, use the stitch-and-flip method to add Fabric A patches to each of the 12½" squares (Diagram 2).
2. Join the blocks to make the rectangular or square pillow tops.
3. If you wish to quilt the pillow top, layer it with batting and an inner lining. Quilt as desired. Position the pillow front on top of the backing, right sides together. Pin all around. The backing should be an inch larger than the pillow top. Stitch in a ¼" seam, leaving a generous opening along one side, not at the corner. Backstitch at the opening to secure. Trim the backing even with the pillow front, and trim the corners. Turn right side out and use a knitting needle or chopstick from the inside to push the seam out so there are no puckers. Press the edges. Lightly stuff with polyfil or a pillow form. Stitch the opening closed.



12" x 24" Pillow



24" x 24" Pillow

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171-MK*



171-ML



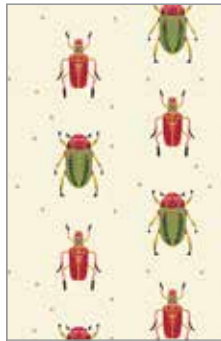
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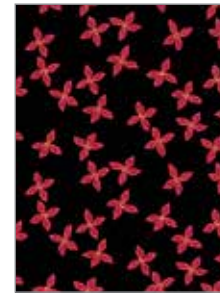
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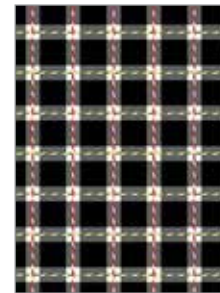
177-K*



177-R*



178-G*



178-K*



178-R*

*Indicates fabrics used in quilt pattern. Fabrics shown are 50% of actual size.

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