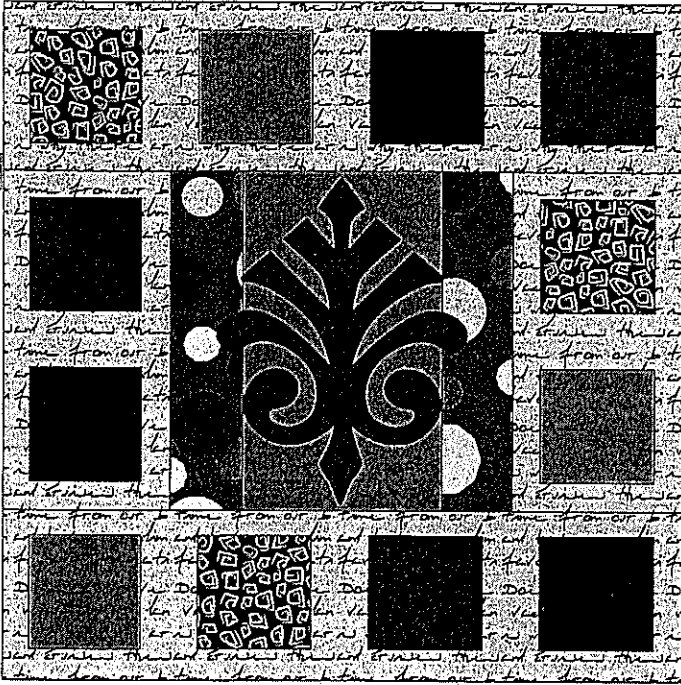


Block #4 - Explore



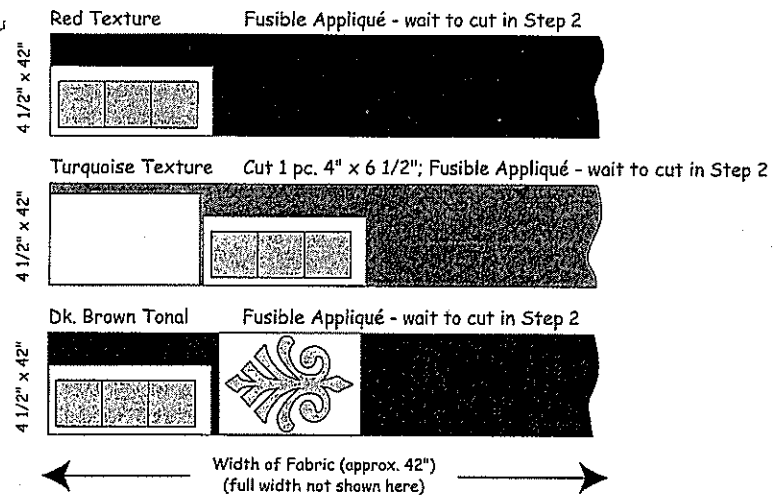
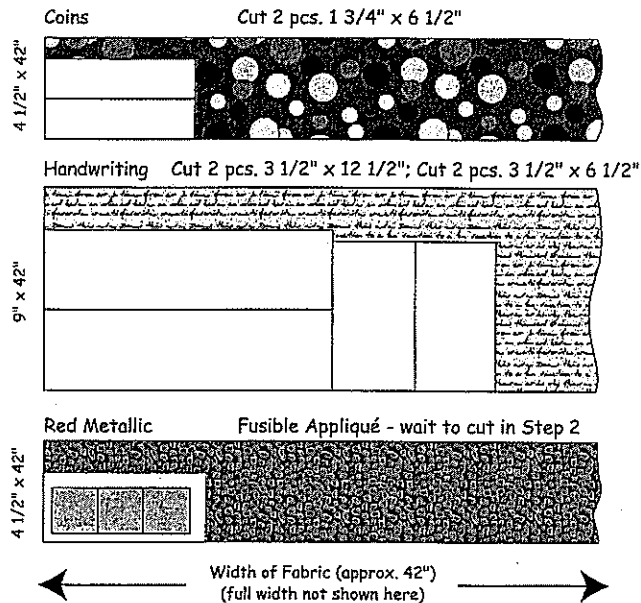
"Creativity is always exploring the environment." — unknown

Materials:

- 1/8 yard Coins fabric
- 1/4 yard Handwriting fabric
- 1/8 yard Red Metallic fabric
- 1/8 yard Red Texture fabric
- 1/8 yard Turquoise Texture fabric
- 1/8 yard Dk. Brown Tonal fabric
- 7" x 17" Lightweight fusible web
- Pencil
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Scissors
- Fine straight pins
- Matching thread
- Appliqué thread (Sulky 40 - Rayon Brown #1059)
- Quilt Sense \varnothing 6" x 24" ruler

Cutting:

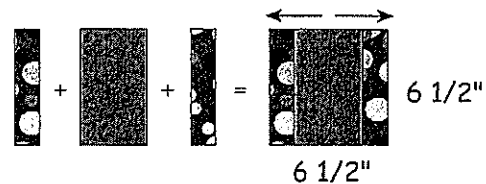
The yardage and cutting diagrams on this page are provided for quilters opting to make individual blocks. Follow the instructions on pages 2-3 if you plan to make the entire quilt. Please review all diagrams before cutting. Place fabric right side up on cutting mat. Using a rotary cutter and acrylic ruler, cut out each piece as shown, except for the appliqué pieces. These will be cut in Step 2 using a fusible appliqué method. **Note: Cut the Handwriting fabric pieces as shown so they will have the correct orientation in the block.**



Sewing:

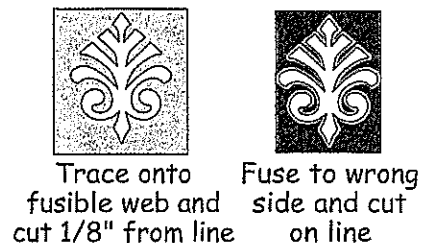
Step 1 - Center Square

Pin and sew a 1 3/4" x 6 1/2" Coin piece on both sides of the 4" x 6 1/2" Turquoise Texture rectangle as shown. Press seams toward the Coin fabric.

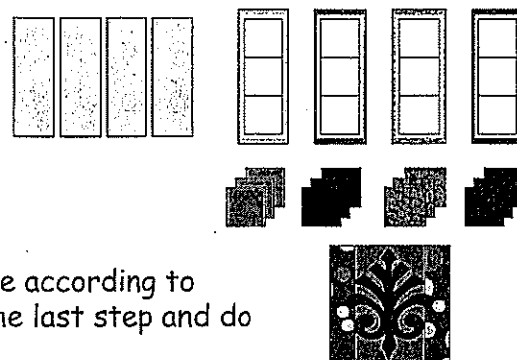


Step 2 - Create the Center and Border Appliqués

Place fusible web paper-side up on top of the Leaf pattern (see separate insert) and trace. Cut out 1/8" from drawn line. Place on the wrong side of the Dk. Brown Tonal fabric, and fuse in place following manufacturer's directions. Cut out on drawn lines and remove paper backing.



Cut out four 3" x 7" pieces of fusible web. Place on the wrong side of the Turquoise Texture, Red Texture, Red Metallic, and Dk. Brown Tonal fabrics (fusible side down) and fuse in place following manufacturer's directions. Cut out three 2" x 2" squares from each color and remove paper backing.

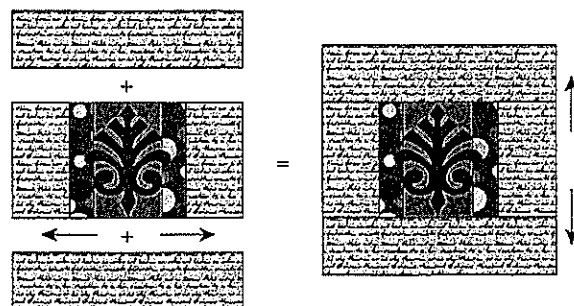


Step 3 - Fuse to Background

Center the Leaf motif on the Center Square created in Step 1. Fuse according to manufacturer's directions. You can wait to machine appliqué until the last step and do everything at the same time.

Step 4 - Borders

Lay out the Center Square with the Handwriting pieces as shown. Make sure the writing is oriented correctly. Pin and stitch the side pieces to the Center Square and press seams toward the borders.



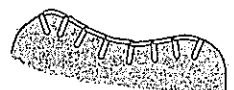
Pin and stitch the two longer pieces to the top and bottom and press seams toward the borders.

Step 5 - Fuse to Background

Place the border squares as shown, using the spacing dimensions given. **Tip: Lay your Quilt Sense** TOOLS THAT MAKE SENSE 6" x 24" ruler along the outside edge to ensure the squares are lined up. Fuse according to manufacturer's directions.

Step 6 - Machine Appliqué

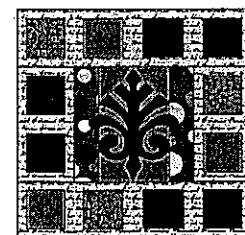
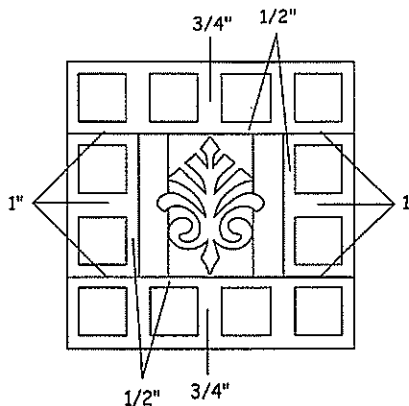
Stitch around the center motif and each of the squares using a buttonhole, zigzag, or other appliqué stitch. Thread color is your personal choice. The model was stitched with brown Sulky 40 rayon thread.



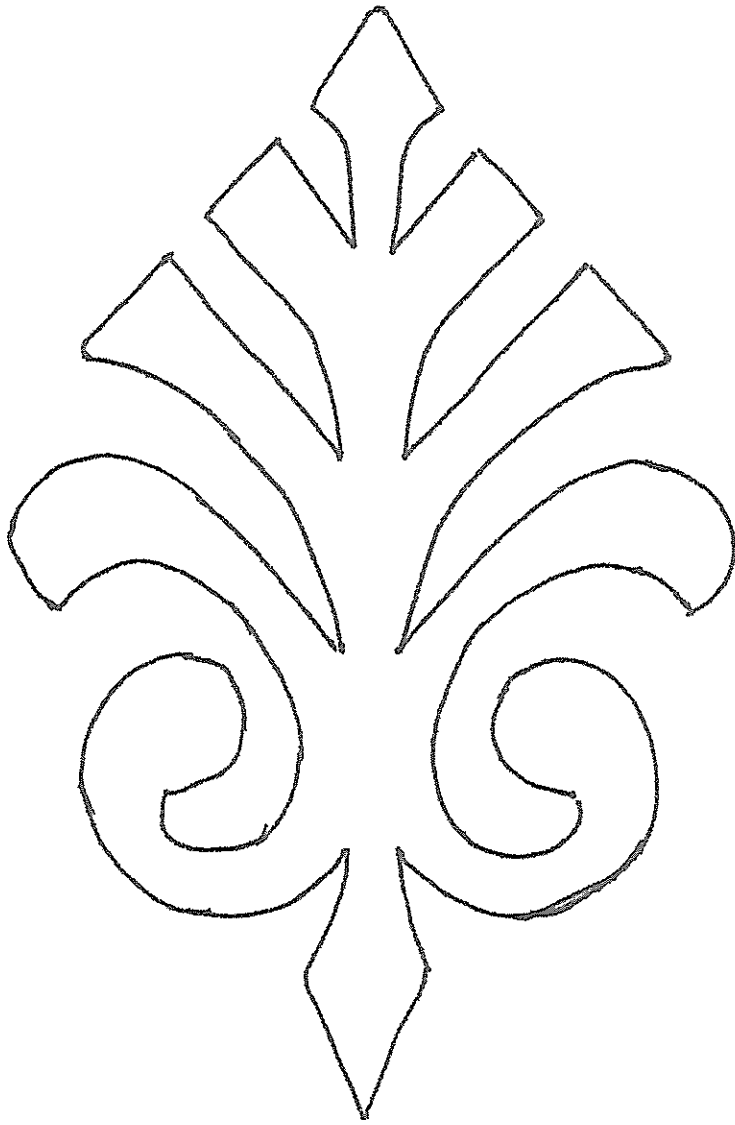
Buttonhole Stitch



Zigzag Stitch



Finished block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"



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