

GO! Union Quilt

finished size 48" x 48"



GO!® DIES USED

- GO! Eagle (55383)
- GO! Round Flowers (55007)
- GO! Strip Cutter-1½" (55024)
- GO! Strip Cutter-3" (55084)

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

- Fabric 1—1½ yards
- Fabric 2—¼ yard or fat quarter
- Fabric 3—¼ yard
- Fabric 4—½ yard
- Fabric 5—1½ yard (includes binding)
- Fabric 6—1/3 yard
- Fabric 7—⅛ yard or fat quarter
- Fusible web—2 yards
- Backing—3 yards
- Batting—54" x 54"
- Appliqué pressing sheet

The design of four eagles with their head pointing toward the center appeared in the last quarter of the 19th century and continued through the 1930's. This specific arrangement of four appliquéd Eagles became known as the Union Quilt. The Eagle is simple, with fluffy tail feathers, an olive branch in its mouth, and nothing in its talons.

NOTE: Apply fusible web to the wrong side of selected fabrics following manufacturer's instructions for appliqué shapes.

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

Fabric 1:

- Cut 1—36" square

Fabric 2:

- Cut 4—shields

Fabric 3:

- Cut 4—heads facing right
- Cut 8—talons
- Cut 16—curved hexagons (stars)
- Cut 4—⅝" circles

Fabric 4:

- Cut 4 pairs—wings
- Cut 4—tail feathers

Fabric 5:

- Cut 5—6" strips across the width of fabric (WOF) for outer border
- Cut 5—3" strips across the WOF for binding
- Cut 4—olive branches (cut with orientation shown in diagram)
- Cut 4—vines
- Cut 8—leaves

Fabric 6:

- Cut 2—flowers
- Cut 4—1½" strips across the WOF for inner border

Fabric 7:

- Cut 2—flowers

SEWING DIRECTIONS

1. Remove paper backing from appliqué shapes.
2. Place appliqué pressing sheet on pressing surface.
3. Arrange head, wings, tail feathers and talons. Slide olive branch under head's beak.
4. Place shield on top.
5. Press center of eagle appliqué for two seconds without steam, pressing straight down and up with iron. It's not necessary to press wings. Allow pieces to cool.
6. Carefully peel eagle appliqué off pressing sheet. Make four combined eagle appliqués.
7. Fold and press 36", Fabric #1 square in half horizontally, vertically and diagonally.
8. Place small dots on diagonal folds 7½" in from corners.
9. Trace 7½" circle on center using a lid or plate as a template.
10. Place long end of curved vine on each quarter line as shown.
11. Position flowers, leaves and flower centers over vines following quilt photo.
12. Fuse shapes in place following manufacturer's instructions.
13. Place eagle appliqué on diagonal line with tail against dot as shown. Using a ruler, line up points on shield with dot on tail and crease line. Fuse.
14. Fuse three stars under each eagle and four stars around center following diagram.
15. Appliqué edges of shapes by hand or machine.
16. Embellish with embroidery, buttons or beads as desired for eyes and other details as desired.
17. Add inner and outer borders, sides first, then top and bottom. Press seams toward inner border.

QUILTING AND FINISHING

1. Layer batting between quilt top and backing.
2. Pin or baste layers together.
3. Model was machine quilted.
4. Add binding strips, mitering corners.

