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Vibrant colors and easy strip piecing make this 39 1/2″ x 45 1/2″ *SouthWest Batiks* quilt a great afternoon project!

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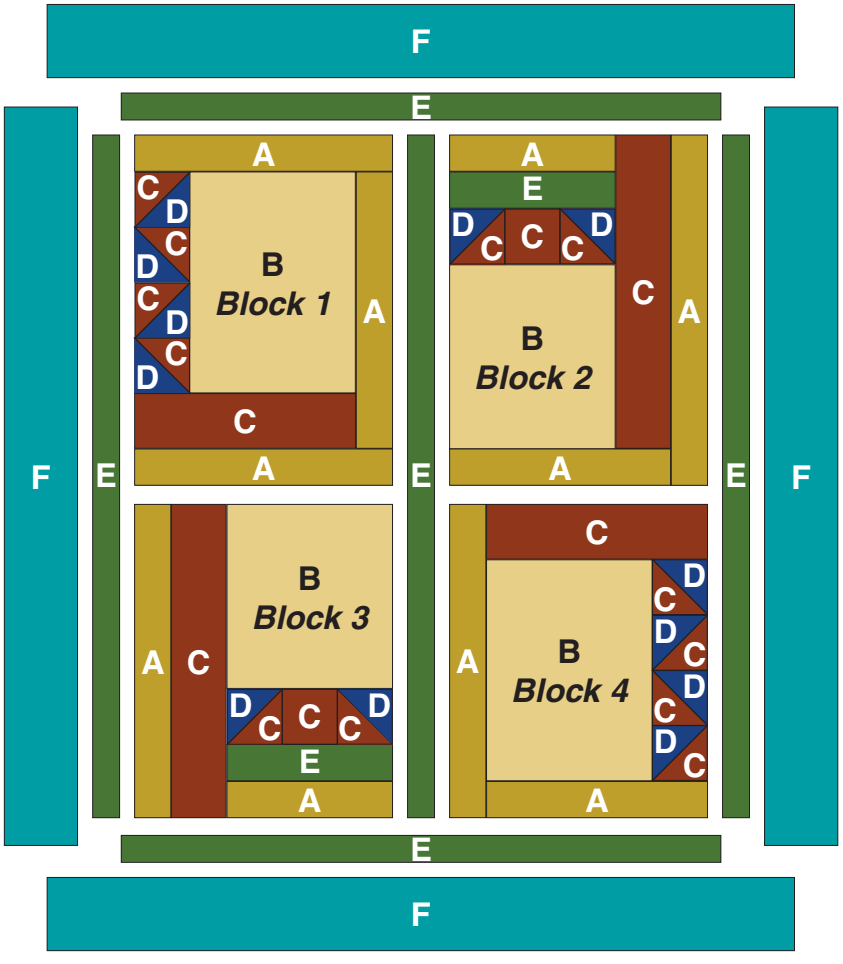
KEY	FABRIC	QTY	CUT
	A Indian Basket 1908-49 *Teal Olive*	1/3 YD	(2) 2 1/2″ x 17 1/2″ (2) 2 1/2″ x 12 1/2″ (2) 2 1/2″ x 14 1/2″ (1) 2 1/2″ x 15 1/2″ (2) 2 1/2″ x 9 1/2″ (1) 2 1/2″ x 19 1/2″
	B Sand Painting 1907-84 *Sand Teal*	1/2 YD	(2) 9 1/2″ x 12 1/2″ (2) 9 1/2″ x 10 1/2″
	C Kokopelli 1910-58 *Turquoise/Rust*	1/2 YD	(3) 3 1/2″ x 12 1/2″ (6) 3 7/8″ squares, cut (2) 3 1/2″ x 17 1/2″ diagonally to yield (2) 3 1/2″ squares 12 half-square triangles
	D Painted Desert 1914-53 *Turquoise*	1/8 YD	(6) 3 7/8″ squares, cut in half diagonally
	E Painted Desert 1914-42 *Moss Olive*	1/2 YD	(5) 2″ x WOF* strips—trim to fit (2) 2 1/2″ x 9 1/2″ strips
	F Kokopelli 1910-44 *Jade/Turquoise*	1/2 YD	(4) 4″ x WOF*—trim to fit

*Width of Fabric

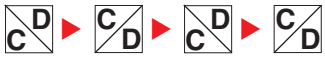


FINISHING: Cut batting and backing 2″ larger than top on all sides. Assemble the quilt "sandwich" by placing the backing, batting and top together in layers and baste or pin with safety pins. Machine quilt as desired. When machine quilting is completed, trim excess batting and backing. Bind in the usual manner.

Finished size: 39 1/2″ x 45 1/2″
1/4″ seam allowances have been added throughout.
IMPORTANT: Continually refer to photo and diagram for correct color placement.

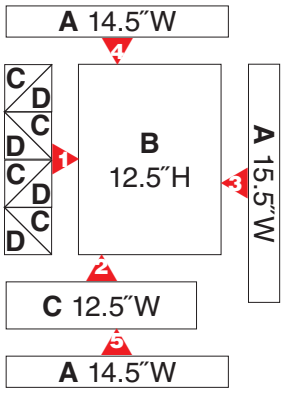
This wallhanging consists of four blocks, sashing and borders.

1) Block 1 and Block 4:
Sew (8) **C** and (8) **D** triangles together to make 4 squares. Sew together to make a row.



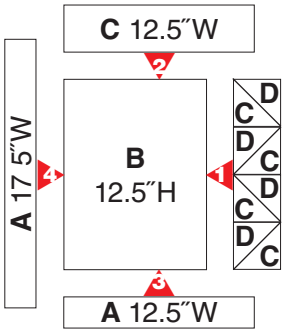
For **Block 1** sew to left side of 12 1/2″ center rectangle **B**. Set aside remaining four squares for Block Four.
Next, add a 3 1/2″ x 12 1/2″ strip **C** to bottom of unit. Add 2 1/2″ x 15 1/2″ **A** strip to side (Step 3).
Complete the block by adding 2 1/2″ x 14 1/2″ strip **A** to top.
Add a 2 1/2″ x 14 1/2″ sashing strip **A** to bottom of unit.
Set block aside.

BLOCK 1



Block 4 is identical to Block 1 except the two side strips are cut and sewn in different order, and the last sashing strip is not added.

BLOCK 4



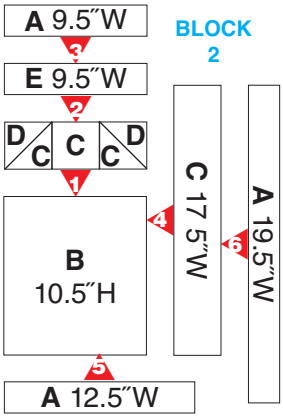
Follow steps of diagram at left.
You will need (2) **A** strips, one 2 1/2″ x 17 1/2″, the other 2 1/2″ x 12 1/2″.
The **C** strip for this block is 3 1/2″ x 12 1/2″.

2) Block 2 and Block 3:
Sew (4) **C** and (4) **D** triangles together. Using 3 1/2″ **C** squares, create a unit as follows:

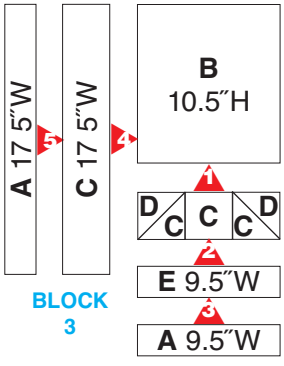
For **Block 2** sew triangle-square-triangle row to top of rectangle **B**.
Next, add a 2 1/2″ x 9 1/2″ **E** strip, then a 2 1/2″ **A** strip to top of rectangle unit. Then add a 3 1/2″ x 17 1/2″ **C** strip to side.

3) Add 2 1/2″ x 12 1/2″ **A** strip to bottom of unit. Finish block with a 2 1/2″ x 19 1/2″ side strip of **A**.
Block 3 is assembled the same as Block 2 *EXCEPT* the last **A** strip is different.

BLOCK 2



BLOCK 3



4) Once each block is assembled, sew Blocks 1 and 3 together.
Add a long green sashing **E** strip to right side of Block 1-3 unit.
Sew Blocks 2 and 4 together.
Sew Block 2-4 unit to Block 1-3

5) Add long green sashing **E** strips to sides of quilt center.
Next, add the remaining sashing **E** strips to the top and bottom of quilt center.

6) Final Borders: Add 4″ x WOF border strips **F** to sides of quilt top. Trim to fit. Finish quilt top by adding 4″ x WOF border strip to top and bottom of quilt center. Trim to fit.