

Project: Autumn Batik Table Topper

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If combining colors is a challenge for you, turn to Mother Nature for inspiration. Batik fabrics in a variety of autumn colors, patterns, and textures are assembled into a square table topper. Fabrics are from Artisan Batiks for Robert Kaufman Fabrics, Moda Fabrics, Timeless Treasures Fabrics, Bali Fabrics, and Hoffman Fabrics.

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Materials

- 7—3×42" strips assorted batiks in rust, light orange, light brown, and light green (blocks, border)
- ½ yard dark brown batik (blocks, border)
- ½ yard ecru batik (blocks, border)
- ⅝ yard brown leaf batik (blocks, border)
- ⅝ yard orange batik (blocks, border corners)
- ½ yard dark brown animal print (binding)
- 2½ yards backing fabric
- 45" square batting

Finished quilt: 38½" square

Finished block: 7" square

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From dark brown batik, cut:

- 5—2½×42" strips

From ecru batik, cut:

- 1—3×42" strip
- 8—1¼×28½" border strips

From brown leaf batik, cut:

- 4—2½×28½" border strips
- 1—3×42" strip

From orange batik, cut:

- 4—5½" border corner squares
- 1—3×42" strip

From dark brown animal print, cut:

- 4—2½×42" binding strips

Assemble Blocks

1. Sew together two different assorted batik 3×42" strips and a dark brown batik 2½×42" strip to make a strip set (**Diagram 1**). Press seams in one direction.
2. Repeat Step 1 with remaining dark brown batik 2½×42" strips; remaining assorted batik 3×42" strips; and the ecru batik, brown leaf batik, and orange batik 3×42" strips to make five strip sets total.
3. Cut strip sets into 4"-wide segments, cutting six or seven segments from each strip set, for 32 segments total. Set aside remaining strip sets for border.
4. Join two different segments to make a block (**Diagram 2**). Press seams in one direction. The block should be 7½" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make 16 blocks total.

Assemble Quilt Center

Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, lay out blocks in four rows, alternating block orientation. When pleased with the arrangement, sew together blocks in each row. Press seams in one direction, alternating direction with each row. Join rows to make quilt center; press seams in one direction. The quilt center should be 28½" square including seam allowances.

Assemble and Add Border

1. Cut remaining strip sets into sixteen 2"-wide segments.
2. Sew together four segments to make a pieced border strip (**Quilt Assembly Diagram**). Press seams in one direction. The pieced border strip should be 2×28½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four pieced border strips.
3. Referring to **Quilt Assembly Diagram**, sew together two ecru batik 1¼×28½" border strips, a pieced border strip, and a brown leaf batik 2½×28½" border strip to make a border unit. Press seams toward brown leaf batik. The border unit should be 5½×28½" including seam allowances. Repeat to make four border units total.
4. Join border units to opposite edges of quilt center. Press seams toward border units. Add an orange batik 5½" border corner square to each end of remaining border units. Press seams toward border corner squares. Join these border units to remaining edges of quilt center to complete quilt top. Press seams toward border units.

Finish Quilt

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing; baste.
2. Quilt as desired. A continuous meandering leaf design was stitched across this quilt top.
3. Bind with dark brown animal print binding strips.

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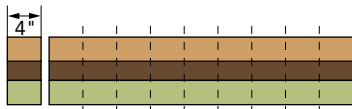
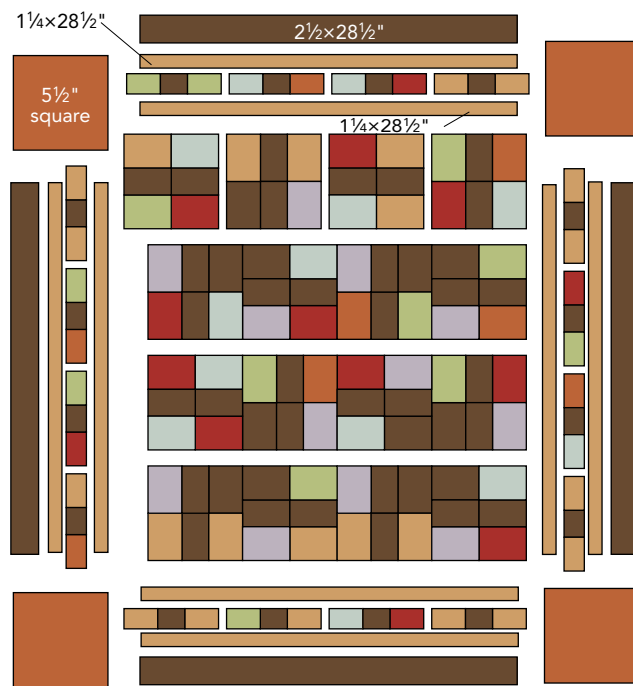


DIAGRAM 1



DIAGRAM 2



QUILT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM