Week 22 – Border 8 – Hexagon Florets

Assemble

This border has mitered corners. If you've never done them, they can be intimidating. I'll share a way I recently learned from my daughter that has taken the “fright” out of it for me.

NOTE:
• I recommend taking a practice run before you do the real thing.
• It will help you determine your sewing machine's seam allowance tolerances and make accuracy more attainable.
• I made a sample from a 9” square and 4” border strips.

Step-by-Step

• For marking, I use a Frixion pen.

A. Quilt Top:

• 1. Measure the existing quilt top – it should be 54” square, or very close to that.

B. Border:

• 1. Divide that measurement (54”) in half (27”).

• 2. Take a border piece and find the center and mark it.
• **3.** Measure that half distance (27”) to either side of center and make marks.

• **4.** From each mark, draw a 45° angle to the outside edge of the border as shown.

• **NOTE:** Your border will most likely be longer than shown and the 45° lines will not be ending at the corners, but there will be fabric beyond the end of the lines.

• **5.** Cut on the lines as shown.

• **6.** Now, on each angle you have cut, on the wrong side of the border, mark seam lines as shown:
  • A scant 3/8” on the angle cut.
  • ¼” on the straight edge.

• **7.** Note where the lines cross and make a dot.

**Quilt Top:**

• **1.** On the wrong side of the fabric, at each corner, mark ¼” seam allowances as shown.

• **2.** Make a dot where seam lines intersect.
Putting them together:

1. Now, pin the border to the quilt edge, right sides together.
2. Match the centers.
3. Match the dots on the border (where the seam lines cross) to the dots on the quilt corner.
4. Sew a ¼” seam from dot to dot.
5. Repeat this with all four of the border corners.
6. Now, at each corner of the quilt, fold the quilt top back out of the way at the dots.
7. Right sides together, matching dots and outside edges, pin along the 3/8” line, pulling the body of the quilt out of the way.
8. Sew on the 3/8” line from point A at the outside edge to the corner dot. Backstitch.
• **9.** Do the same on the 3 remaining corners.

• **10.** Press the miter seams open and the ¼” seams toward the border.

  Don't ask me how this works, but it does!!

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**Appliqué**

• Appliqué last 4 hexie florets on the corners as shown below.

• The quilt should now measure about 66” square.