



Free Spirit

*FreeSpirit Secret
Garden Quilted
Hassock*

*featuring Secret Garden
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Finished size approx. 17" in diameter x 12" high (43.18 x 30.48cm)

Fabric Requirements:

Note: WOF = Width of Fabric

- 1/4 yard (22.86cm) each of nine coordinating fabrics
- 2-1/2 yards (228.6cm) high loft fusible fleece interfacing
- 5 yards (457.2cm) of 1/2" (1.27cm) upholstery cording
- matching threads

*Yardage requirements are for the project shown and may be increased or decreased for hassocks of a different size.

Instructions:

Measuring:

1. Hassock top: Measure diameter of top from side to side through center
2. Hassock circumference: Measure side around outside
3. Hassock height: Measure side vertically from top to bottom excluding legs.

Pattern Making:

Top:

Make a circular paper pattern that measures diameter of top plus 1" (2.54cm). Fold carefully in half, then quarters then eighths. Trace folded 1/8 circle wedge shape onto an additional piece of paper, add 1/2" (1.27cm) to two straight sides and cut out.

Sides:

Make a rectangular pattern that measures circumference plus 1" (2.54cm) by height plus 1" (2.54cm).

Cutting:

1. Cut one each of wedge shape pattern from eight of the coordinating fabrics.
2. Cut three strips 3-1/2" (8.9cm) wide by width of fabric from 9th fabric for cording
3. Cut all remaining fabric into 12" x 2-1/2" (30.48 x 6.35cm) strips for piecing sides.



Piecing and Quilting:

Top:

1. Arrange and pin together pieces of top and sew together, carefully matching points in center. Trim away bulk at center point close to stitching. Press all seams to one side.
2. Arrange pieced circle right side up onto adhesive side of fusible fleece. Cut out fleece along outside of circle and apply fusible fleece following manufacturer's instructions.
3. Beginning at center point, topstitch in a continuous circular spiral design about 1/2" (1.27cm) between stitching lines all the way to outer edges of top.

Sides:

1. Arrange eight stacks of strips in a sequence and sew strips together end to end using a 1/4" (.635cm) seam allowance. Press all seams to one side.
2. To create a random pieced look, cut away approximately 4" (10.16cm) from one end, then use side pattern height as guide to cut strips into lengths that measure stool height plus 1" (2.54cm). Piece strips together side by side using a 1/4" (.635cm) seam until entire length of pieced fabric is wider by two inches than pattern (excess fabric is needed during quilting process). Press all seams to one side.
3. Follow manufacturer's instructions to apply fusible fleece to wrong side of pieced fabric. Quilt in an all-over vertical pattern at 1/2" (1.27cm) intervals over pieced fabric. Lay side pattern onto quilted panel and cut off excess fabric at ends and top and bottom. Sew ends together using 1/2" (1.27cm) seam allowance. Press seam open.

Cording:

1. Cut cording into two lengths that stretch loosely around hassock.
2. Piece together strips of remaining fabric together end to end to form cording cover for two lengths of cording, plus several inches. Fold fabric over cording with right side out and stitch close to cording using zipper foot, leaving extra fabric unstitched.

Assembly:

1. Pin cording around top, matching raw edges, slitting cording cover close to stitching to fit. To clean finish ends, bring cording ends together, folding excess fabric over all layers and stitch close to cording to secure.
2. Stitch through all layers around the top, close to cording using zipper foot. Clip seams and trim away excess fabric.
3. Pin top to sides, wrong sides facing. To make this easy, carefully fold the side into fourths, marking the folds with pins. Match the pins to every other seam on the top. Stitch close to cording using zipper foot. Trim away excess fabric.
4. Try cover onto stool. Pin cording in place, matching the raw edges of the cording to the bottom edge of the side cover. Remove from stool and sew cording to lower edge of stool. Clip seams.
5. Fit cover onto stool and use a glue gun or fabric glue to secure raw edges of cording to bottom of stool, hiding the raw edges under the stool.

