

Quilt for All Deurstikwerk vir Alma

CUTTING MAT CARRY BAG

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This challenge is an individual project, and all participants will be required to do one section of the bag per month, using the patchwork/quilting technique specified in the monthly challenge.

The final challenge will require that you assemble the Cutting Mat Carry Bag and finish it off with binding.

The quilting may be done on your domestic machine or using a quilt frame.

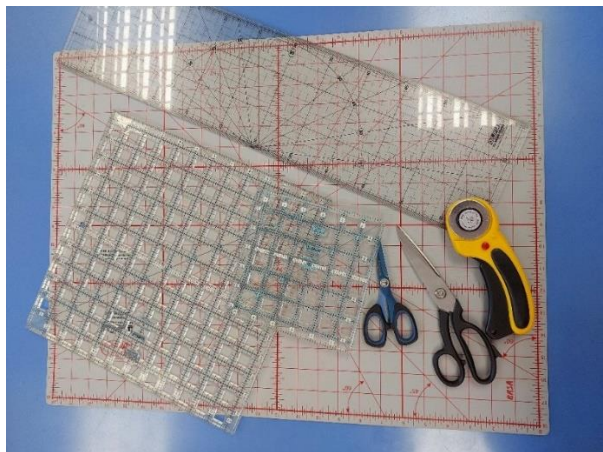


Participants must post a photograph of the monthly patchwork row, and a short description on how they implemented the patchwork technique, on the [Quilt for All / Deurstikwerk vir Alma](#) Facebook page.

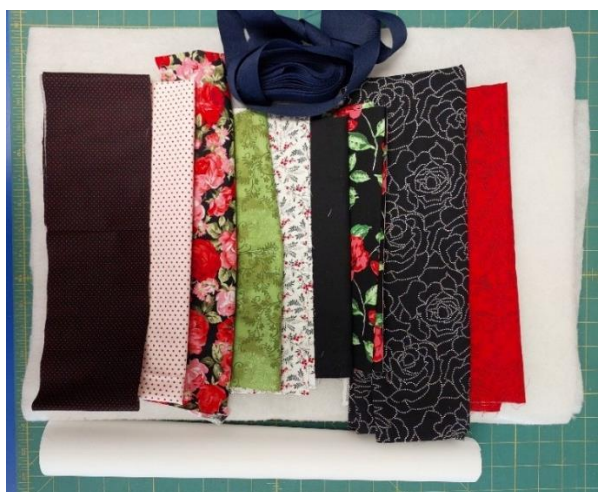
If you are not a Facebook user, you can email the pictures and a short description of your monthly progress to lorette@berninasa.com and she will post it to Facebook on your behalf.

The Cutting Mat Carry Bag has been designed for a 24" x 18" cutting mat, which is the medium size mat and the most popular size to take to patchwork and quilting classes.

The bag also has various pockets, using different patchwork techniques, to hold your cutter, scissors, rulers, etc. so that you have all utilities in one bag to take to classes.



Fabric requirements



We all have some cut off fabrics from previous quilt projects and this is the ideal opportunity to use those scraps.

- You will need a good selection of scrap fabrics or 25cm of 4 to 6 different fabrics.
- For the bag and the backing, you will need 20" x 50" in basic fabric and 24" x 54" backing fabric.
- Batting for the bag and pockets.
- Appliqué paper.
- As an optional extra, you can use webbing for the handles of the bag, or you can make your own strap for the handles.

We will make use of a selection of presser feet:

- Patchwork; walking foot; free motion quilting foot, ruler foot, etc.
- Coordinating threads in the colour of your choice.

Challenge #2 Long cutting ruler pocket using the Flying Geese patchwork technique.



Flying Geese include one large triangle called the "goose" and two smaller triangles sewn on either side of the "goose" called the "wings" or the "sky". Most often, Flying Geese are sewn into a series, creating the look of geese flying across the sky. These are often used as border patterns in pieced quilts and are also a very popular technique to use in quilt tops.

Instructions

- Cut 2 blocks 7¼" blocks in the main colour (flower print on our pocket)
- Cut 8 x 3,78" squares (Green on our pocket)



- Place a small square on the top left-hand corner of the main block and another small square on the bottom right-hand corner of the main block.



- They will overlap in the centre of the block
- Pin in place
- Draw a diagonal line across the two squares from corner to corner with a marking pen/pencil



- Use the ¼" presser foot and sew a ¼" seam on the left of the line and a ¼" seam on the right of the drawn line.



- Cut on the drawn line, between the two rows of sewing and press the seam to one side.



- Take a small square and place in the corner of a half triangle of the main fabric and draw a diagonal line across the small square.



- Pin in place, and stitch a ¼" seam on either side of the drawn line.



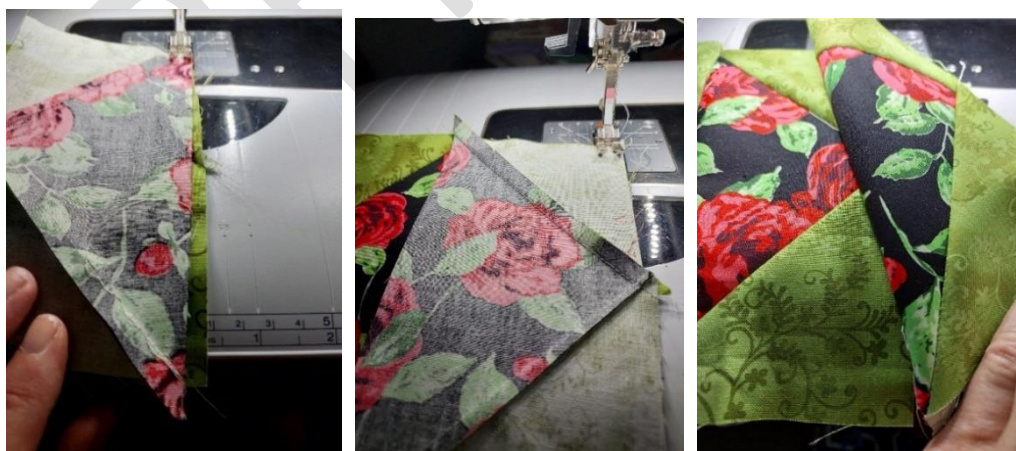
- Cut on the drawn line.



- Press seams to one side.



- Join the flying geese blocks with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to form one long strip.



- Press each seam after stitching.



- Cut a piece of batting and backing for the pocket.



- Quilt the pocket, using the quilting technique of your choice – we used ruler work for the pocket.



- Cut a strip, 2,3" in the colour of your choice for binding of the 2 short sides.



- Sew the strip on the wrong side of the pocket, using a ¼" seam allowance.



- Fold the binding over to the wrong side and sew in position.



Leave the long sides unfinished, until challenge #6 when we will attach it to the bag.

Well done, you have made it!!

Now you are ready for the next challenge!

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