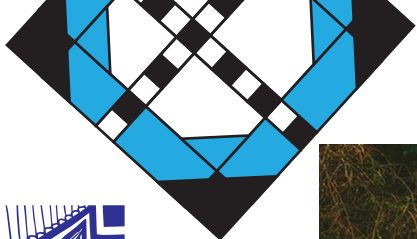


Birch Ball



By



...the places we go.....mine is often the woods

The striped center axis of this block very loosely represents one of my favorite trees – the elegant and always cheerful Birch.

Cut it Out

From Black Scraps Cut:

4 – 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" Square A

8 – 2" x 2" Square B

1 – 1 1/2" x 17" Strip

From White Scraps Cut:

1 – 1 1/2" x 17" Strip

1 – 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" Square C

1 – 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" Square D

2 – 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" Rectangle E

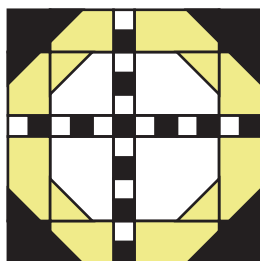
1 – 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" Square F

From Yellow Scraps Cut:

4 – 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" Square G

4 – 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" Rectangle H

4 – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" Rectangle I



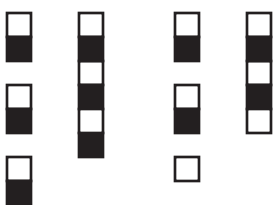
Putting it All Together

Be sure to use very accurate 1/4" seams on this project as there is quite a bit of piecing going on.

1. Sew the Black and White 1 1/2" strips together, then cut into (11) 1 1/2" subsections:



2. Sew these subsets along with the single White Square C into three strip units as shown:



Corner Square Patches

The following process will be done in the next few steps multiple times. Follow this method of adding a triangle to the corner of all of the Patches except the Black Square A's.

Place the corresponding Square right sides together on the correct corner of the Square or Rectangle as indicated in each set. Sew Corner Square Patches across the corner. Trim off excess and press outwards to the corner as shown:



Be sure the corner of the block is squared up.

Squares G and B will be used as these corner patch Squares.

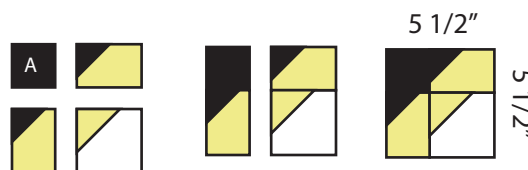
3. Sew corner Square G on Square D



4. Sew 2 Square B's on 2 Rectangle H's as shown:



5. Combine these units with 1 Square A as shown to create Quadrant One:

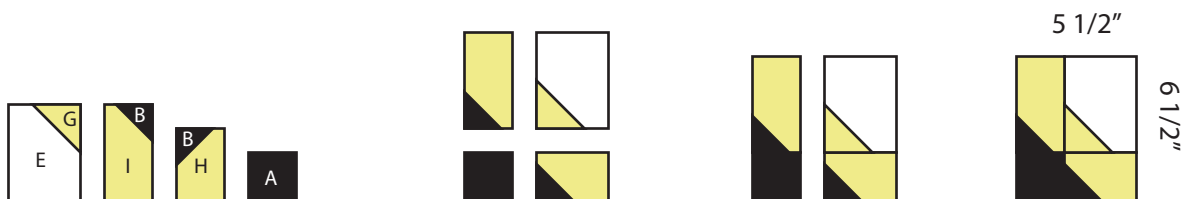


Quadrant 2, 3 and 4 will all be assembled in a similar manner as shown:

6. Quadrant 2 - Repeat steps 3-5 with with these patches.



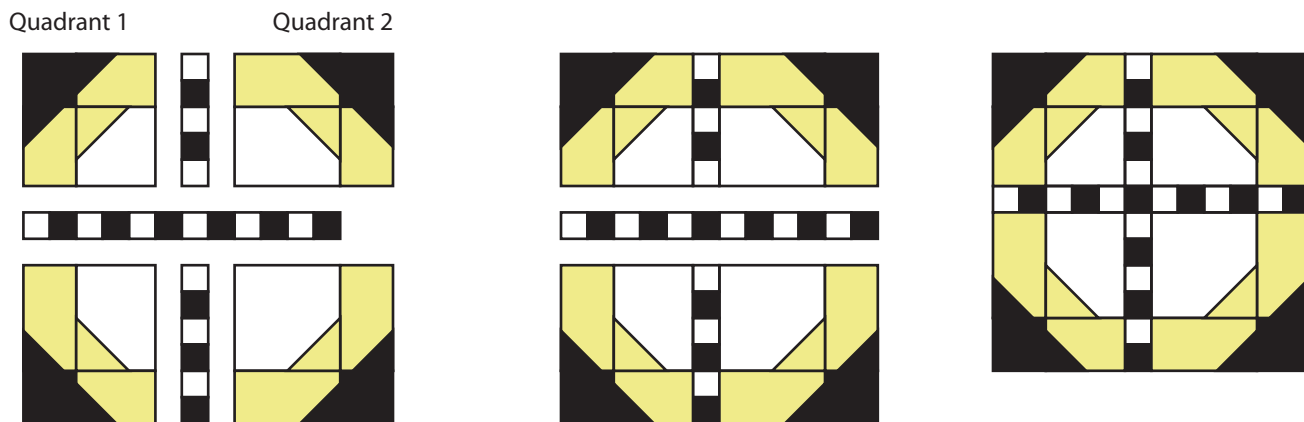
7. Quadrant 3 - Repeat steps 3-5 with with these patches.



8. Quadrant 4 - Repeat steps 3-5 with with these patches.



9. Combine all 4 Quadrants with the striped strips created at the beginning of these directions as shown:



Quadrant 1 Quadrant 2
Quadrant 3 Quadrant 4

