



Table Runner Set

# Desert Bloom

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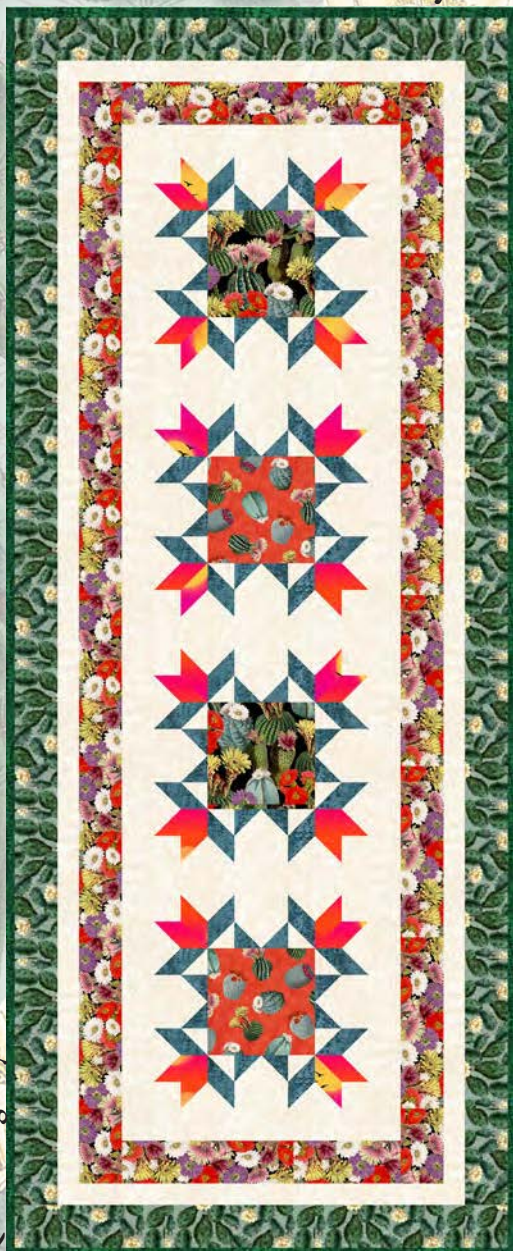


Table Runner: 23" x 57.5"



Placemats (6): 18" x 12.5"  
Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

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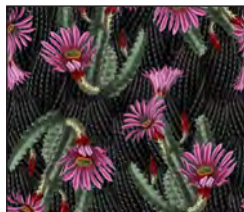
# Desert Bloom - Fabrics in the Collection



2884-66 Blooming  
Cacti - Green



2885-33 Tossed Cacti  
Orange



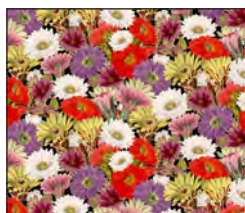
2886-99 Tossed  
Cactus with Purple  
Flower - Black



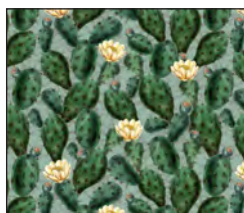
2887-66 Cactus with  
White Flower on the  
Bias - Green



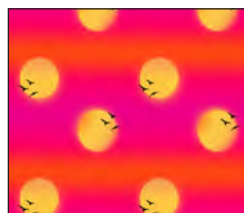
2888-66 Cacti Collage  
Green



2889-88 Cactus  
Flowers - Red



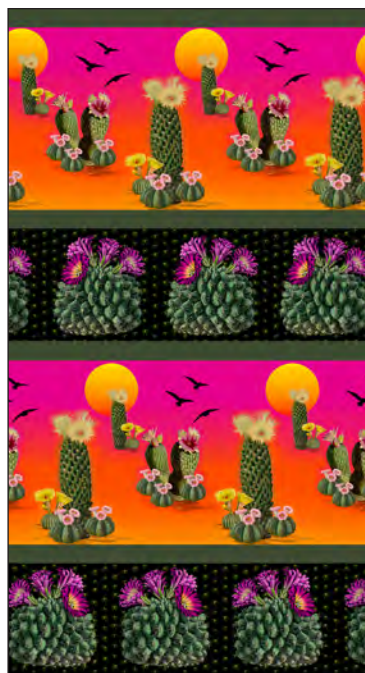
2890-66 Cactus with  
White Flower - Green



2892-33 Sunset with  
Birds - Orange



2893P-66 Cactus Panel 36''  
Green



2891-33 Cactus Border Stripe  
Orange

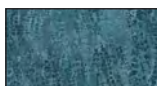
Selected fabrics from the  
Chameleon Collection



1178-41  
Ivory



1178-66  
Green



1178-79  
Slate

## Materials

*Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.*

1/4 yard 2892-33 Sunset with Birds - Orange  
 1/4 yard 2884-66 Blooming Cacti - Green  
 1/4 yard 2885-33 Tossed Cacti - Orange  
 1/2 yard 1178-79 Chameleon - Slate  
 5/8 yard 2889-88 Cactus Flowers - Red  
 7/8 yard 2890-66 Cactus with White Flower - Green  
 1-1/8 yards 1178-66 Chameleon - Green  
 1-1/2 yards 1178-4 Chameleon - Ivory  
 3-3/4 yards Tossed Cactus with Purple Flower - Black for backing  
 27" x 66" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100% Cotton batting  
 Six 22" x 17" pieces of batting for placemats

## Cut Fabrics

**Note:** *All strips are cut across the width of the fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise indicated.  
 TR = Table Runner, PM = Placemats.*

### From 2892-33 Sunset with Birds – Orange, cut:

\*Two 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixteen 1-3/4" x 3" strips and eight 2-1/8" squares – TR.

### From each, cut:

**2884-66 Blooming Cacti – Green**

**2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange**

\*One 6-1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut three 6-1/2" squares (PM) and two 5-1/2" squares (TR).

### From 1178-79 Chameleon – Slate, cut:

\*Two 1-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut thirty-two 1-3/4" squares – TR.

\*Three 2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut forty-eight 2" squares – PM.

\*Two 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut thirty-two 1-3/4" x 3" strips – TR.

### From 2889-88 Cactus Flowers – Red, cut:

\*Four 2-1/2" x WOF strips for border 2 – TR.

\*Three 2-1/2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut twelve 2-1/2" x 9-1/2" strips for border 2 – PM.

### From 2890-66 Cactus with White Flower – Green, cut:

\*Twelve 1-1/2" x WOF strips for border 4 – PM.

\*Four 2-1/2" x WOF strips for border 4 – TR.

### From 1178-66 Chameleon – Green, cut:

\*Fourteen 2-1/2" x WOF strips for binding: five for TR and nine for PM.

### From 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory, cut:

\*Four 1-3/4" x WOF strips. Sub-cut ninety-six 1-3/4" squares – TR.

\*Seven 2" x WOF strips. Sub-cut:

- Forty-eight 2" x 3-1/2" strips and twenty-four 2" squares – PM.

- Five 2" x 10-1/2" sashing strips – TR.

\*One 2-1/8" x WOF strip. Sub-cut eight 2-1/8" squares – TR.

\*Two 3" x WOF strips. Sub-cut sixteen 3" squares – TR.

\*Nine 1-1/4" x WOF strips for borders 1 and 3 – PM.

\*Four 1-1/2" x WOF strips for border 3 – TR.

\*Three 2" x WOF strips for border 1 – TR.

### From 2714-90 Corn Cobs - Lt. Gray, cut:

\*One 66" x WOF panel – TR.

\*Six 22" x 17" rectangles – PM.

## TABLE RUNNER

### Assemble Blocks

*Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated. If no direction is specified, press the seam toward the darker fabric.*

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 2-1/8" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory squares. With right sides together, layer the marked Ivory squares atop the 2-1/8" 2892-33 Sunset with Birds – Orange squares. Stitch 1/4" from each side of the diagonal line, cut on the drawn line, press each unit open with seams toward the darker fabric, and trim dog ears (*figure 1*, next page). Make sixteen 1-3/4" half-square triangles (HST).

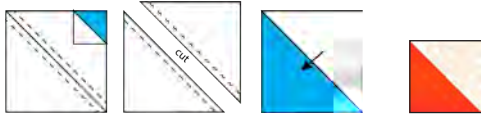


Figure 1 – Make (16) 1-3/4" HST.

- Group the Step 1 HST into two piles of eight units. Noting fabric orientation, sew a 1-3/4" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory square to the left side of the units in Pile 1 and to the right side of the units in Pile 2 (*figure 2*). Press the seams toward the squares.

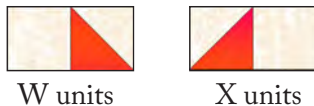


Figure 2 – Make (8) 1-3/4" x 3" units of each type.

- Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 1-3/4" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory squares (marked squares will also be used in Step 5). Group the 1-3/4" x 3" 2892-33 Sunset with Birds – Orange strips into two piles of eight strips. Noting fabric orientation and stitching direction, sew a 1-3/4" Ivory square to the left side of the units in Pile 1 and to the right side of the units in Pile 2 (*figure 3*). Trim the seams to 1/4" and press open.

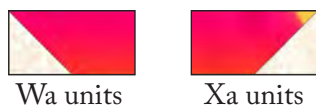


Figure 3 – Make (8) 1-3/4" x 3" units of each type.

- Sew the Step 2 W units to the top of the Step 3 Wa units and press the seams in one direction. Repeat with the Step 2 X and Step 3 Xa units (*figure 4*). Make eight 3" units of each type.

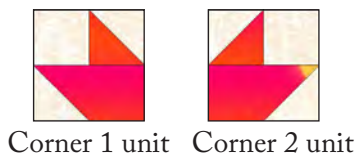


Figure 4 – Make (8) 3" units of each type.

- Group the 1-3/4" x 3" 1178-79 Chameleon – Slate strips into two piles of sixteen strips each. Noting the stitching direction, sew a marked 1-3/4" Ivory square (leftover from Step 3) to the left side of a Slate strip from Pile 1 and another Ivory square to the right side. Cut 1/4" from the stitching line and press open. Repeat to make sixteen 1-3/4" x 3" Y units.

Repeat this step with the Slate strips in Pile 2, this time reversing the sewing direction of the 1-3/4" Ivory squares to make sixteen 1-3/4" x 3" Z units (*figure 5*).



Figure 5 – Make (16) 1-3/4" x 3" of each type.

- Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 1-3/4" 1178-79 Chameleon – Slate squares. With right sides together, place one marked Slate square on a corner of one 3" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory square and stitch on the drawn line. Trim seam allowance to 1/4" and press open. Repeat with the adjacent corner to make sixteen 3" units.

Sew a Step 5 Y unit to the right and a Z unit to the left of all the 3" units. Press the seams toward the center. Make sixteen 3" x 5-1/2" strips (*figure 6*).



Figure 6 – Make (16) 3" x 5-1/2" strips.

- Noting fabric orientation, sew a Step 6 strip to the right and one to the left of the 5-1/2" 2884-66 Blooming Cacti – Green and 2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange squares to make the center rows (*figure 7*, next page). Press the seams toward the center.



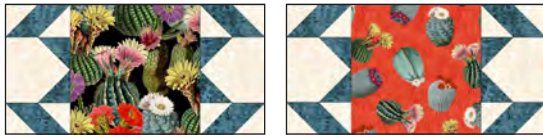


Figure 7 – Make (2) center rows of each type.

8. Sew a Step 4 Corner 1 unit to the left and a Corner 2 unit to the right of the remaining Step 6 strips to make the top and bottom rows. Press the seams away from the center. Noting fabric orientation, sew a row to the top and one to the bottom of the Step 7 center rows to complete four 10-1/2" blocks (*figure 8*). Press the seams open.



Figure 8 – Make (2) 10-1/2" blocks of each type.

## Assemble Table Runner

1. Referring to the table runner photo for block placement, lay out the four blocks and five 2" x 10-1/2" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory sashing strips in one row and join them together. Press the seams toward the sashing.
2. For border 1 (sides), join the three 2" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the vertical length of the table runner through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top.

3. For border 2, sew the four 2-1/2" 2889-88 Cactus Flowers – Red border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the vertical length of the runner through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side. Measure the width of the runner through the center. Cut two border strips that length and sew one to the top and one to the bottom. Press the seams toward the borders.
4. Repeat Step 3 with four 1-1/2" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory strips to make and add border 3.
5. Repeat Step 3 with the four 2-1/2" 2890-66 Cactus with White Flower – Green strips to make and add border 4.

## Finishing

6. Create a quilt sandwich with the batting between the table runner and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark the quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with raw edges of the runner.
7. Join five 2-1/2" 1178-66 Chameleon – Green binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. With the wrong sides together, fold in half length-wise and press. Sew binding to the edges of the table runner, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of the runner and stitch it in place by hand to finish.

## PLACEMATS

### Assemble Blocks

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of forty-eight 2" 1178-79 Chameleon – Slate squares. Noting the line orientation and with right sides together, layer

a marked Slate square on the left short end of a 2" x 3-1/2" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory strip and stitch on the drawn line. Trim 1/4" away from the seam line and press open. Similarly, stitch another Slate square to the opposite end of the same strip (*figure 9*). Repeat to make a total of twenty-four 2" x 3-1/2" flying-geese units.



Figure 9 – Make (24) 2" x 3-1/2" units.

2. Sew a 2" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory square to opposite ends of twelve Step 1 units. Press the seams toward the squares. Noting fabric orientation, sew one strip to the right, and one to the left side of the 6-1/2" 2884-66 Blooming Cacti – Green and 2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange squares (*figure 10*) to make six assorted center strips. Press the seams toward the center.



Figure 10

3. Sew a 2" x 3-1/2" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory strip to opposite ends of the remaining twelve Step 1 units to make twelve strips. Press the seams away from the center. Noting fabric orientation, sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the Step 2 center strips to make six 9-1/2" blocks (*figure 11*). Press the seams toward the center.



Figure 11– Make (6) 9-1/2" blocks.

## Assemble Placemats

4. For border 1, trim the nine 1-1/4" 1178-4 Chameleon – Ivory strips into twenty-four 9-1/2" strips. Sew one strip to the left and one to the right of each Step 3 block. Press the seams toward the borders. Save twelve strips for border 3.
5. For border 2, trim the 2-1/2" 2889-88 Cactus Flowers – Red strips to 9-1/2" and sew one strip to each side of the placemat centers. Press as before.
6. Repeat Step 5 with the remaining Step 4 strips to add border 3.
7. For border 4, trim three 1-1/2" 2890-66 Cactus with White Flower – Green strips into twelve 9-1/2" lengths and sew them to the left and right sides of the placemat centers. Measure the width of the placemats through the center. Trim the remaining Green strips that length and sew one strip to the top and one to the bottom of the placemats. Press the seams toward the borders.

## Finishing

8. Create a quilt sandwich with the batting between the placemats and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark the quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with raw edges of the placemats.

9. Join nine 2-1/2" 1178-66 Chameleon – Green binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. With wrong sides together, fold in half lengthwise and press. Sew binding to the edges of the placemats, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of each placemat and stitch it in place by hand to finish.

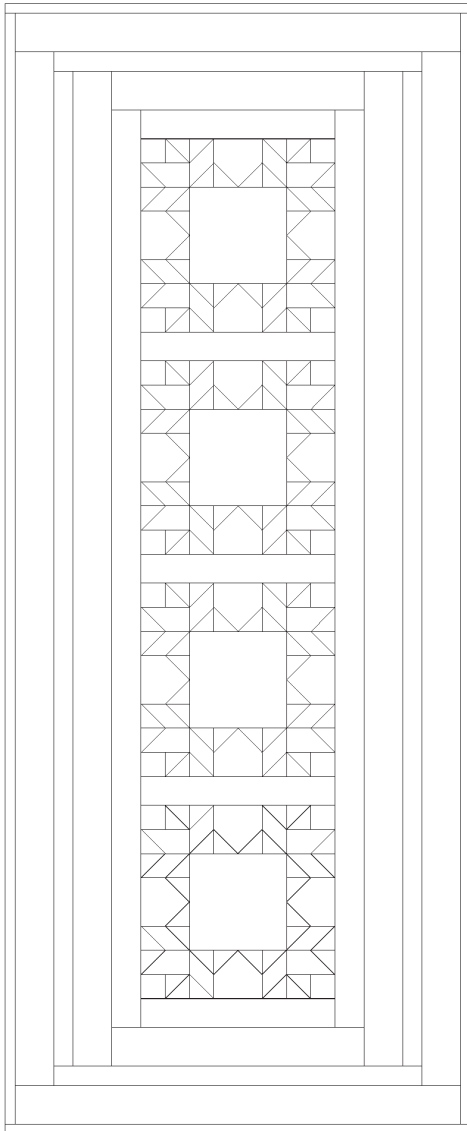


Table Runner and Placemat - Diagrams

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