Desert Bloom

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Quilt design by Denise Russell.

Quilt size: 51" x 56"   **Skill Level: Beginner**

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Desert Bloom - Fabrics in the Collection

2884-66 Blooming
Cacti - Green
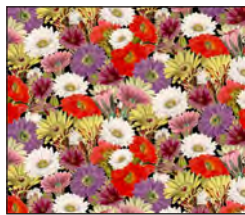
2885-33 Tossed Cacti
Orange
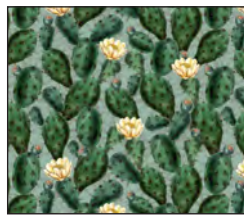
2886-99 Tossed
Cactus with Purple
Flower - Black

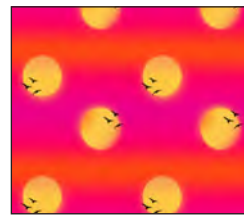2887-66 Cactus with
White Flower on the
Bias - Green

2888-66 Cacti Collage
Green

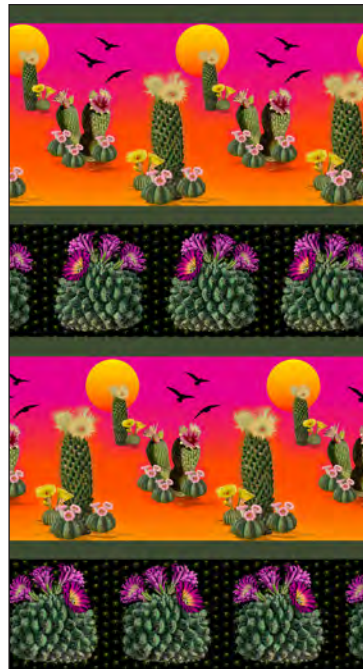2889-88 Cactus
Flowers - Red

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

1178-62
Olive

Materials

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

One 2893P-66 Cactus Panel 36" - Green
3/8 yard 2886-99 Tossed Cactus with Purple
Flower - Black
1/2 yard 2885-33 Tossed Cacti - Orange
5/8 yard 1178-41 Chameleon - Ivory
2/3 yard 2884-66 Blooming Cacti - Green
3/4 yard 1178-62 Chameleon - Olive
3-1/2 yards 2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange
for backing
59" x 64" piece of Air Lite® Colour Me 100%
Cotton batting

Cut Fabrics

*Note: All strips are cut across the width of the fabric
(WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise indicated.*

From 2893P-66 Cactus Panel 36" - Green:
*Trim to 29-1/2" x 34-1/2".

**From 2886-99 Tossed Cactus with Purple
Flower – Black, cut:**
*Four 2-1/2" x WOF strips for border 2.

From 2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange, cut:
*Five 3" x WOF strips for border 4.

From 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory, cut:
*Thirteen 1-1/2" x WOF strips for borders 1, 3, and 5.

From 2884-66 Blooming Cacti – Green, cut:
*Six 3-1/2" x WOF strips for border 6.

From 1178-62 Chameleon – Olive, cut:
*Six 1-1/2" x WOF strips for border 7.
*Six 2-1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

From 2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange, cut:
*Two 59" x WOF panels, pieced horizontally.

Assemble Quilt Top

1. For border 1, trim two 1-1/2" 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory strips to 34-1/2" and sew one strip to each side of the 2893P-66 Cactus Panel 36" - Green panel. Press the seams toward the border. Trim two more Ivory strips to 31-1/2" and sew one to the top and one to the bottom of the panel. Press as before.

2. For border 2, repeat Step 1 with two 2-1/2" 2886-99 Tossed Cactus with Purple Flower – Black strips trimmed to 36-1/2", and two more 2-1/2" Black strips trimmed to 35-1/2".

3. For border 3, repeat Step 1 with two 1-1/2" 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory strips trimmed to 40-1/2", and two more 1-1/2" Ivory strips trimmed to 37-1/2".

4. For border 4, sew five 3" 2885-33 Tossed Cacti – Orange border strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Measure the vertical length of the quilt top through the center and cut two border strips that length. Sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Measure the width of the quilt top 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.

5. Repeat Step 4 with the five 1-1/2" 1178-41 Chameleon – Ivory strips to make and add border 5.

6. Repeat Step 4 with the six 3-1/2" 2884-66 Blooming Cacti – Green strips to make and add border 6.

7. Repeat Step 4 with the six 1-1/2" 1178-62 Chameleon – Olive strips to make and add border 7.
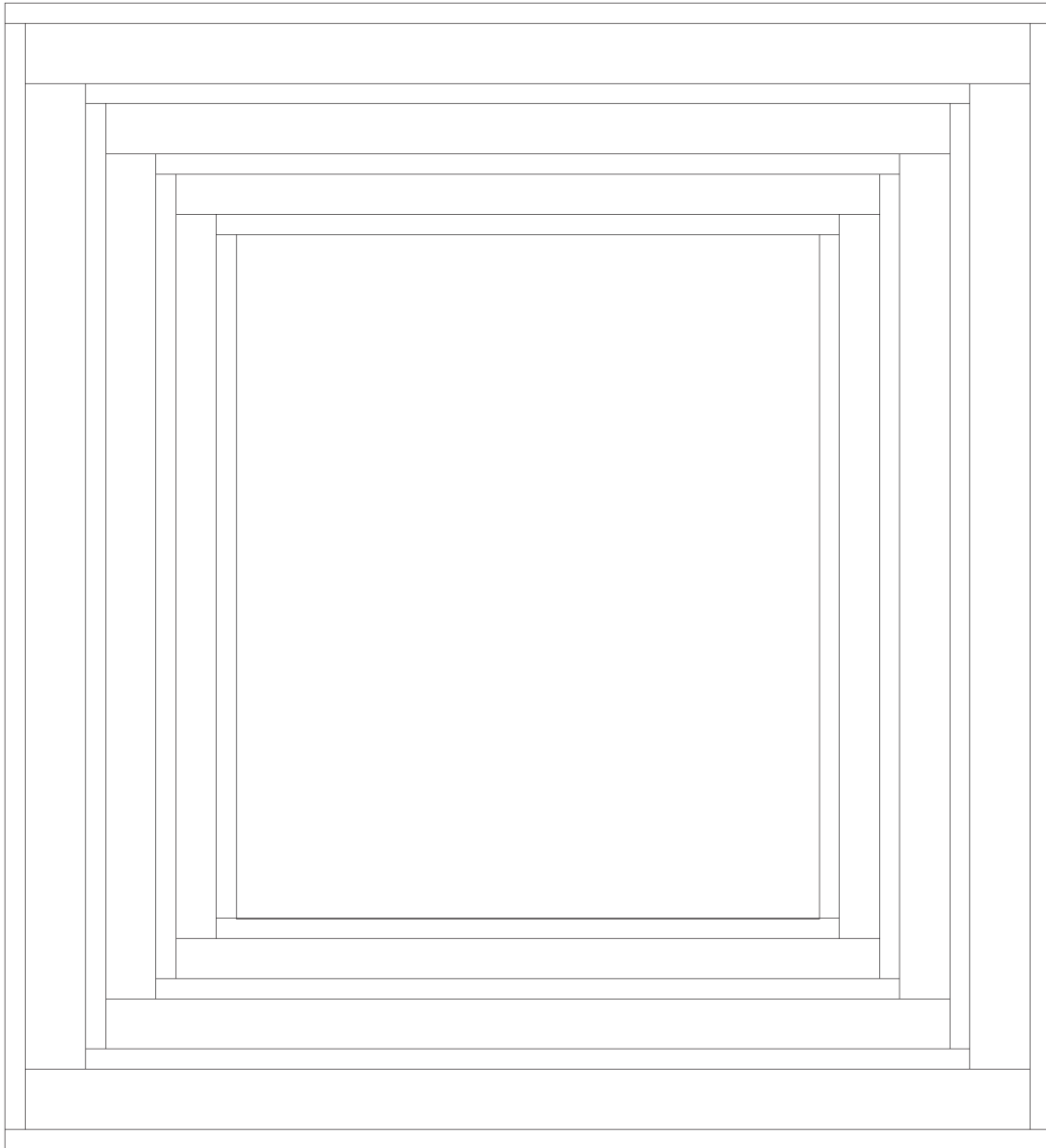
Finishing

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

9. Join the six 2-1/2" 1178-62 Chameleon – Olive 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 quilt, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.

Quilt Diagram