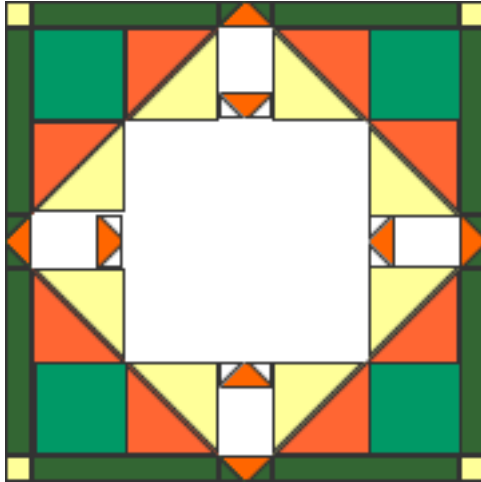## Picnic Frame Block

The Picnic Frame Block is a modification of the Picnic Time block. It can be used to frame a focus fabric or a fussy cut image. I used this block to frame an image of herbs that I cut from a tea towel. I purchased the tea towel at a very unique herb shop in California when on vacation with my sister. So for me, it is great reminder of my vacation and enjoying shopping with my sister.

Block Size: 18 x 18

Cutting Instructions

Focus Fabric for block center
- (1) 9 ½" square

White
- Inner patchwork bars - (4) 3" x 2 ½" rectangles
- For small flying geese (8) 1 ½" squares

Yellow
- For half square triangles (4) 4 ½" squares
- Corner squares (4) 1 ½ " squares

Light Green
- Corner squares (4) 4" squares

Dark Green
- Border strips (8) 1 ½"x 7 ½" strips
- Flying geese blocks (8) 1 ½" squares

Orange
- For half square triangles (4) 4 ¼" squares
- For flying geese blocks (8) 2 ½" x 1 ½" bars

Creamy print for ends of black bars
- (8) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares

Assemble the Yellow/Orange Half Square Triangles
1. These instructions follow the quick and easy half square triangle method described in more detail at the following website: http://quilting.about.com/od/quickpiecingtechniques/ss/halfsquaretria.htm
2. Stack each yellow 4 ½" square on an orange square right sides together.

3. Using a ruler, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each pair.
4. Sew a scant ¼" seam on both sides of the diagonal line of each pair.
5. Cut along the diagonal line
6. Press the seam towards the darker fabric.
7. The blocks should be slightly oversized. Trim each of the 8 half square triangle blocks to a 3 ½" square.

Assemble Flying Geese Blocks
1. These instructions follow the quick and easy Flying Geese method described in more detail at the following website:
   http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/ss/block_one_2.htm
2. Gather the 8 orange 2 ½" x 1 ½" bars, the 8 white 1 ½" squares and the 8 dark green 1 ½" squares.
3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each white and dark green 1 ½" square.
4. On four of the orange bars, place a white square, right sides together so that the square lines up with one end of orange bar. Place dark green squares, right sides together so that the square lines up with the end of the orange bar on the remaining four orange bars.
5. Sew on the diagonal line of each pair. Trim off the corner of each pair leaving about a ¼" seam. Press the seam towards the orange bar.
6. Repeat the process to sew a square to the opposite side of the orange bar. Make sure that you use the same color square (white or dark green) and that the second square is positioned so the diagonal forms a peak with the first sewn corner.
7. Trim corners and press seam towards the orange bar.

Assemble Block
1. Layout the block pieces according to the diagram.
2. Sew the 4 white 3" x 2 ½" rectangles to the orange and white flying geese block so that the flying geese points away from the white rectangle. Press the seam towards the darker color.
3. Sew a yellow/orange half square triangle block to either side of section from the previous step. Make sure the yellow side of the triangle is on the same side as the flying goose point. Press the seams towards the half square triangle.
4. Sew two of the sections from the previous step to the top and bottom of the center square making sure the flying goose point is towards the center. Press the seam away from the center block.
5. Sew light green squares to the top and bottom of the remaining two flying geese sections. Press the seams towards the half square triangle.
6. Sew the sections with the light green squares to the sides of the center block making sure the flying goose point is towards the center. Match the seams at the edges of the center square. Press seams away from the center square.
7. Sew the 8 1 ½"x 7 ½" strips dark green border strips on both sides of the orange and green flying geese blocks.
8. Sew of the two border strip to the top and bottom of the block matching the seams of the flying goose block and the center block. Also, make sure that the flying goose points away from the block center.
9. Sew a yellow 1 ½" square to each end of the remaining two of the dark green border strips.

10. Sew the remaining border strips to the block matching the seams of the flying goose block and the center block and the corner block to the dark green border.

11. Press the block.