



Orphan Block Banner

Finished Size – 16 ½" x 18 ½"

Do you have any orphan blocks that you do not know what to do with? How about making a wall hanging banner? While I was thinking of a way to display and store my needle minder collection, this is what I came up with. You can use it for the same purpose; or, you could applique or embroidery a seasonal design on the bottom portion of the banner. Or use the space to highlight a favorite fabric. Whatever you choose, I'm sure you will find it useful.

Materials Needed:

- 12 ½" x 12 ½" unfinished quilt block (*note: you can add borders to a smaller quilt block if needed*)
- 1/4 yard of coordinating, neutral or scrappy fabrics
- Matching thread
- Backing (a fat quarter will work)
- Batting (a piece of scrap batting the size of a FQ)
- 1/4 yard of binding fabric

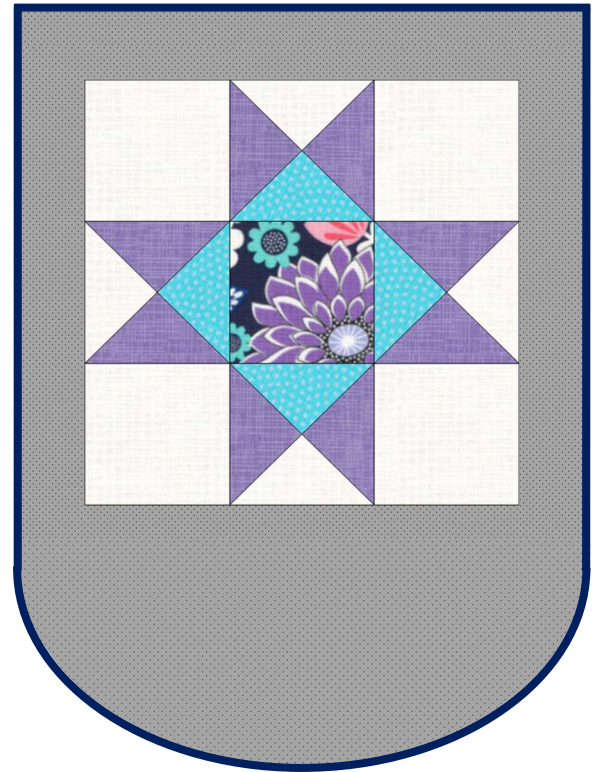
Cutting Instructions:

- 1 - 2 ½" x 16 ½" top border strip
- 2 - 2 ½" x 12 ½" side border strips
- 1 - 4 ½" x 16 ½" bottom border strip
- 4 - 2 ½" x 20" binding strips if using a fat quarter, cut 2 - 2 ½" x 40" strips if using yardage. (alternatively, use the "Continuous Bias Binding" method* using a fat quarter)

Directions (use ¼" seam allowance):

1. Square up or add borders to your Orphan Block to have it measure 12 ½" x 12 ½".
2. Add the side border strips to each side of the block and press toward border strips.
3. Add the top border strip and press toward border strip.
4. Use the template provided and cut the curve according to the template instructions and attach to the bottom of the banner and press toward bottom border strip.
5. Sandwich your banner top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Add binding.*
6. Attach a hanging sleeve, tabs, or use hanger clips to display.

* For curved edges, it is better (but not necessary) to cut binding strips on the bias. The Continuous Bias Binding method is great for this! If you do an online search for "Continuous Bias Binding," you will find a number of video tutorials.



Make sure your printer is set to print at 100%.

Print and cut out the template.

Fold the 16 ½" width of the bottom border strip in half, right sides together, and place the "fold" end of the template onto the fold of the fabric.

Pin or trace the template onto the wrong side of the fabric and cut to size.

Attach to bottom of banner quilt top using ¼" seam allowance.

Orphan Block Banner Template

**Seam Allowance is included
(attach this edge to the bottom of the
banner using ¼" seam allowance)**

**1" Square
for reference**

Place on Fold