

# BALANCE OF NATURE QUILT by Jessica Levitt



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Designed by Jessica Levitt

Featuring fabrics from the Timber Collection by Jessica Levitt

Finished size = 66 1/2" x 81"

## Materials:

30840-1 Dogwood River = 1 1/2 yard  
30840-2 Dogwood Malibu = 1/2 yard  
30840-4 Dogwood Sienna = 1/2 yard

30842-1 Maple River = 1/4 yard  
30842-3 Maple Sweetgrass = 1/4 yard  
30842-2 Maple Sugar Plum = 1/4 yard  
30842-4 Maple Java = 7/8 yard

30846-1 Bamboo Sea Glass = 1/2 yard  
30846-4 Bamboo Java = 1/2 yard  
30846-2 Bamboo Malibu = 1/2 yard

30844-1 Willow Mist = FQ  
30844-3 Willow Sweetgrass = 1/2 yard  
30844-4 Willow River = FQ

30845-3 Pear Sienna = FQ  
30845-2 Pear Sugar Plum = FQ  
30845-5 Pear Mist = 1/2 yard

30847-1 Gingko Sea Glass = 1/2 yard  
30847-4 Gingko Java = 1/2 yard  
30847-6 Gingko Sienna = FQ  
30847-2 Gingko Malibu = FQ

30841-2 Magnolia Sugar Plum = FQ  
30841-1 Magnolia River = FQ  
30841-3 Magnolia Sweetgrass = FQ

30843-6 Apple Sienna = 1/2 yard  
30843-1 Apple Mist = FQ

Backing = 4 1/4 yard  
Binding = 3/4 yard

## Cutting:

Dogwood River = fussy cut [7] 5 1/2" squares centered around the flower  
Dogwood Malibu = fussy cut [7] 5 1/2" squares centered around the flower  
Dogwood Sienna = fussy cut [6] 5 1/2" squares centered around the flower

A strip is across the width of the fabrics, so 42-44" long.

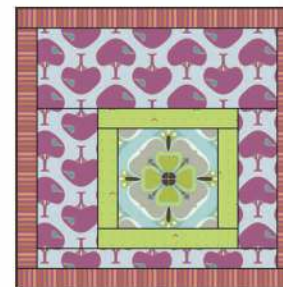
Maple River = [4] 1 1/2" strips  
Maple Sweetgrass = [4] 1 1/2" strips  
Maple Sugar Plum = [4] 1 1/2" strips  
Maple Java = [4] 1 1/2" strips and  
[20] 1 " strips

Bamboo Sea Glass = [8] 1 1/2" strips  
Bamboo Java = [10] 1 1/2" strips  
Bamboo Malibu = [10] 1 1/2" strips

## For the following fabrics, you can either:

1. Cut sizes exactly as specified to make the exact quilt shown  
OR
2. Cut the following same sized pieces of each fabric (double it for fabrics that have 2 blocks) and cut down the blocks after for a more randomly placed center:  
[2] 4 1/2" x 7 1/2"  
[2] 4 1/2" x 12 1/2"

For some of these fabrics (Willow, Pear, Apple) it's important to take into account the direction of the fabric, and cut them so that they all go the same direction when the squares are pieced.



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## Cutting Continued:

Willow Mist = $3 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ $2 \frac{3}{4}'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ $1 \frac{3}{4}'' \times 12 \frac{1}{2}''$ $4 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 12 \frac{1}{2}''$	Gingko Java = $2'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ $4'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ $2'' \times 12 \frac{1}{2}''$ $4'' \times 12 \frac{1}{2}''$ $3'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ $3'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ $1 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 12 \frac{1}{2}''$ $4 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 12 \frac{1}{2}''$
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Apple Mist =  $3'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$   
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## Border:

Dogwood River = [7]  $4 \frac{1}{2}''$  strips

## Sewing:

All seams are  $\frac{1}{4}''$ .

- Using the picture as a guide, piece the maple strips around each dogwood center. I prefer to chain piece the centers onto the strips and cut the strips to match the length of the center after they are sewn. Piece two opposite sides first, press, and then the remaining two sides and press. Now our unfinished square should be  $7 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$ .
- Again using the picture to determine which fabrics, piece the body of the squares. If you cut the exact measured pieces or the general sized ones, you will sew on the shorter two pieces ( $7 \frac{1}{2}''$ ) first, press, and then the longer two ( $12 \frac{1}{2}''$ ) and press. Use the picture as a guide for which sides to put them on.
- If you used the exact measured pieces, you will now have  $12 \frac{1}{2}''$  finished squares.
- If you used the general size ones, you will have much larger squares that you should trim down to  $12 \frac{1}{2}''$  each. Trim them randomly so the center of the square falls in a different place in each box.
- Sew the bamboo strips around the edges the same as step 1. Make sure you use each strip for at least one of the shorter sides in order to ensure you can get three sides from one strip.
- Add sashing. Sew blocks to strips of sashing to attach into 4 columns. Trim the sashing after it is sew to the block, but you can cut pieces to the whatever size your blocks came out first if you'd like. Press. Now sew the remaining sashing strips into pairs lengthwise to make longer strips. Sew the columns together with the sashing strips in between. Trim the excess of the strips. Press.
- Sew on the borders and press.
- Add batting and backing.
- Quilt.
- Bind with  $2 \frac{1}{4}''$  double-fold binding..

ENJOY!

