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FEEDSACK V, c. 1930

Feedsack bags - sometimes called textile bags or "chicken linen"- were an important part of American textile history. The bags were popular in the early 1900s and held products such as flour, feed, seed or grain. Original feedsacks were made of cotton or burlap which was then recycled into garments, quilts, linens and other items. Considered valuable personal property, many were "branded" with stitching or stencils with names or initials to identify the owner. As manufacturers recognized the appeal of using feedsacks for home sewing, they began offering their products in colorful cotton bags that were popular among their customers. The feedsacks were available in solid colors as well as lively prints such as polka dots, plaids, geometrics and floral motifs. They were often accompanied by instructions for removing the company logo from the bag without damaging the fabric. Although the use of cotton sacks declined by the mid-20th century, their fascination has remained strong among quilters and textile lovers.

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Created with fabrics from the
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60" x 68"

Fabric Requirements: All fabrics are from the Feedsack V and 1930's Solids collections by Windham Fabrics

Fat Eighth: 28974-2, 28976-8, 28973-9, 28976-2, 28977-5, 28967-2, 28970-2, 28967-4, 28979-4, 28979-1, 28978-5, 28969-1, 28968-5, 28971-6, 28978-4, 28975-3

Cut from each:

A: (1) 6-1/2" square

C: (2) 3-3/8" squares

Fat Eighth: 28973-2, 28967-6, 28972-3, 28972-8, 28968-3, 28978-2, 28977-9, 28975-1, 28973-1, 28976-9, 28975-4, 28968-3, 28972-7, 28967-5, 28974-4

Cut from each:

E: (1) 5-1/4" square, cut on both diagonals to form (4) quarter square triangles.

C: (2) 3-3/8" squares

Fat Eighth: (or 4" x 8" piece)
28977-2, 28969-5, 28972-2, 28967-3, 28970-3, 28972-6, 28973-6, 28967-7, 28970-1, 28968-4, 28979-8, 28971-4, 28967-1, 28970-5, 28971-5, 28969-3, 28977-1, 28979-2, 28968-6, 28974-9

Cut from each:

C: (2)-3-3/8" squares

Note: (102) C squares have now been cut but (104) squares are needed.

Cut (2) more squares from the fabric of your choice.

4-1/2 yards: 25029 (1930's solid, Ivory)

Cut:

B: (64) 2-1/2" squares

D: (208) 2-7/8" squares, cut on one diagonal to form (416) half square triangles.

F: (60) 2-2/8" squares, cut on one diagonal to form (120) half square triangles.

G: (2) 4-1/2" x 24-1/2"

H: (2) 4-1/2" x 32-1/2"

I: (4) 4-1/2" x 56-1/2"

J: (4) 2-1/2" squares

Bias Binding: 7/8 yard 25031 (1930's Solids, Periwinkle)

Backing: 4 yards

Blocks:

Snowball Block: (for center of quilt)

For each block draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of a **B**. Match **B** to one corner of **A**, right sides together. Stitch on the line. Press up, matching corners. Pull back top piece and trim seam to 1/4". Repeat on 3 remaining corners.

Block measures 6-1/2", unfinished. Make 16 blocks.

Diamond in a Square Block: (for border 2)

Stitch a **D** to one side of a **C**. Repeat on opposite side. Press. Repeat on remaining two sides. Press.

Block measures 4-1/2", unfinished. Make 104 blocks.

Flying Geese Block: (for border 4)

Sew an **F** to one short side of an **E** triangle. Press. Repeat on the other side.

Block measures 2-1/2" x 4-1/2", unfinished. Make 60 blocks.

Quilt Assembly:

Center:

Make four rows, each with (4) Snowball Blocks. Sew the four rows together.

Border 1:

Attach a **G** to left side of quilt. Repeat on right. Attach an **H** to top of quilt. Repeat on bottom.

Border 2:

Make two rows, each with (8) Diamond in a Square blocks. Sew the two rows together. Attach to left side of quilt. Repeat on the right side. Make three rows, each with (12) Diamond in a Square blocks. Sew the three rows together. Attach to top of quilt. Repeat on the bottom.

Border 3:

Attach an **I** to left side of quilt, then right, top and bottom.

Border 4:

Sew (16) Flying Geese blocks together in a row. Attach to left side of quilt. Repeat on right side. Sew (14) Flying Geese blocks together in a row. Sew a **J** to each end of the row. Attach to top of quilt. Repeat for bottom.

Layer, quilt and bind.