

“How do I assemble my individual blocks into a full quilt?”

When you are creating a multiple block quilt, we recommend following the instructions for each individual block for tracing, cutting and fusing the applique pieces to the background fabric, as outlined in the patterns.

Once all the individual blocks are at this stage, refer to the pattern that contains the *Complete Quilt Instructions* or *Full Quilt Instructions* to begin assembling the quilt top. Follow the steps in sequential order to join all the backgrounds together, add the quilt borders and complete any special instructions for overlapping applique pieces (on select quilts only).

At this point you are ready to assemble your “quilt sandwich.” Layer your backing fabric right side down, your batting (which should be at least 2” larger on all sides than your quilt top) and your quilt top right side up. Hand baste with thread or pins, then begin free-motion quilting your quilt starting in the center and working your way out! – See “Free Motion Savvy” for more detailed information.

When you have finished stitching down all the applique pieces and you’ve quilted your background detail, you’ll want to square up the quilt sandwich so all edges of the backing, batting and top are equal, then follow the instructions included in your pattern to bind your quilt.

If you want to hang your art quilt, this is when you’ll want to sew a sleeve onto the back for mounting. Also, if your quilt has embellishments, you can now follow the instructions in the pattern to add the creative details that will make your quilt come to life!

All this information and more can be found in the patterns as well as in each quilt’s pattern for completing the full art quilt.