

# Keepsake Keeper

9" x 11" Fabric Book

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## **MATERIALS:**

[1] AMASH Tile Panel  
1/2 yard Flowers  
1/4 yard Birds Oatmeal  
1/8 yard Icons Tan  
1/4 yard Icons Navy  
1/4 yard Wildlife Navy  
1/8 yard Wood Lt Blue  
1/2 yard Wood Taupe  
1/4 yard Blender Brown  
1/8 yard Blender Denim  
1/4 yard Blender Jade

*BEFORE SEWING, READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.  
ALL SEAMS ARE 1/4" UNLESS OTHERWISE  
STATED. LABELS THE CUTS AS YOU GO.  
WOF = WIDTH OF FABRIC; RST = RIGHT SIDES  
TOGETHER; HST = HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES*

## **CUTTING:**

### **From AMASH Tile Panel:**

Cut [5] — 6-1/2" × 7" squares from choice of state

### **From Flowers Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 9-1/2" × WOF strip  
Subcut [1] — 9-1/2" × 11-1/2" rectangle **(B)**  
Subcut [1] — 4-1/2" × 8-1/2" rectangle **(A)**

### **From Birds Oatmeal Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 7-1/2" × WOF strip  
Subcut [1] — 7-1/2" × 18" rectangle **(C)**

### **From Icons Tan Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 2-1/2" × WOF strip  
Subcut [2] — 2-1/2" squares **(D)**  
Subcut [2] — 2" × 6-1/2" rectangles **(E)**

### **From Icons Navy Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 6-1/2" × WOF strip  
Subcut [3] — 2-1/2" × 6-1/2" rectangles **(F)**  
Subcut [6] — 4" × 6-1/2" rectangles **(G)**

### **From Wildlife Navy Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 4" × WOF strip  
Subcut [4] — 4" × 6-1/2" rectangles **(I)**  
Subcut [2] — 2-1/2" × 6-1/2" rectangles **(H)**

### **From Wood Lt Blue Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 2-1/2" × WOF strip  
Subcut [3] — 2-1/2" squares **(J)**  
Subcut [3] — 2" × 6-1/2" rectangles **(K)**

### **From Wood Taupe Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 3" × WOF strip  
Subcut [6] — 3" squares **(L)**  
Subcut [1] — 2-1/2" × 9-1/2" rectangle **(O)**  
Cut [2] — 1-1/2" × WOF strips  
Subcut [5] — 1-1/2" × 9-1/2" rectangles **(M)**  
Subcut [3] — 1-1/2" × 10-1/2" rectangles **(N)**  
Cut [1] — 7-1/2" × WOF strip  
Subcut [1] — 7-1/2" × 9-1/2" rectangle **(P)**

### **From Blender Brown Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 3" × WOF strip  
Subcut [4] — 3" squares **(Q)**  
Cut [1] — 1-1/2" × WOF strips  
Subcut [2] — 1-1/2" × 9-1/2" rectangles **(R)**  
Subcut [2] — 1-1/2" × 10-1/2" rectangles **(S)**

### **From Blender Denim Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 3" × WOF strip  
Subcut [6] — 3" squares **(T)**

### **From Blender Jade Fabric:**

Cut [1] — 3" × WOF strip  
Subcut [4] — 3" squares **(U)**

### **Optional Iron-On Interfacing (Pellon 987 Fusible Fleece):**

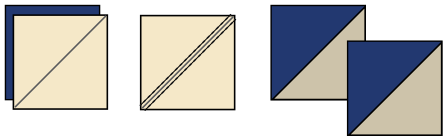
Cut [1] - 2" × 8". Fuse to **(A)** 1/4" from [3] sides  
Cut [5] - 3-1/2" × 6". Fuse to [3] **(G)** and [2] **(I)**, placed 1/4" from each side of fabric  
Cut [1] - 7" × 8-3/4". Fuse to one half of **(C)** placed 1/4" from [3] sides

**Note: Topstitch** - Keep stitch length between 3.0 and 3.5mm and either 1/8" or 1/4" away from edge. Baste - 4.0-5.0mm stitch length to hold in place before final stitch is done.

# BLOCK ASSEMBLY:

## Corner Block Units

1. Make 2-at-a-time HST using **(L)** and **(T)** squares. Place squares RST, draw a diagonal line and sew 1/4" from both on both sides of the line. Cut on the line. Press to the darker fabric. Repeat to make [12] HST as shown. Trim HST to 2-1/2" square.



2. Repeat Step 1 using **(Q)** and **(U)** squares. Repeat to make [8] HST. Trim HST to 2-1/2" square.

3. Sew [4] HST into the following columns.



Left Blue Column    Right Blue Column    Left Jade Column    Right Jade Column  
 Make [1]    Make [2]    Make [1]    Make [1]

4. Sew [1] **(J)** square to the bottom of the left and right blue columns.
5. Sew [1] **(D)** to the bottom of the left and right jade columns.
6. Sew the following pieces into a column: [1] **(G)** (fused piece), [1] **(K)** and [1] **(F)**. See Figure 1A. Make [3].
7. Fold at seam between **(G)** and **(K)** and press. Topstitch at the fold at the top. Baste on [3] other sides of each unit. See Figure 1B. Refer to as Page pocket blue.



Figure 1A



Figure 1B

8. Sew [1] **(G)** to the bottom of [3] chosen Panel Tile Squares.



Blue Center 1    Blue Center 2    Blue Center 3

9. Baste sides and bottom of Page Pocket Blue on each of the Tile units from previous step.
10. Sew [1] Blue Left Column to the left of Blue Center 1. Sew [1] **(N)** on the right side. Sew [1] **(M)** above. Refer to as Blue Left 1.



11. Sew [1] Blue Right Column to the right of both Blue Center 2 and 3. Sew [1] **(N)** on the left side of each. Sew [1] **(M)** above each. Refer to as Blue Right 1 and Blue Right 2.



12. Sew the following pieces into a column: [1] **(I)** (fused piece), [1] **(E)** and [1] **(H)**. See Figure 2A. Make [2].
13. Fold at seam between **(I)** and **(E)** and press. Topstitch at the fold at the top. Baste on [3] other sides of each unit. See Figure 1B. Refer to as Page pocket jade.



Figure 2A



Figure 2B

14. Sew [1] **(I)** to the bottom of [2] chosen Panel Tile Squares.



15. Baste sides and bottom of Page Pocket Jade on each of the Tile units from previous step.



Jade Center 1 Jade Center 2

16. Sew [1] Jade Left Column to the left of Jade Center 1. Sew [1] **(S)** on the right side. Sew [1] **(R)** above. Refer to as Jade Left. See Figure 3A
17. Sew [1] Jade Right Column to the right of Jade Center 2. Sew [1] **(S)** on the left side of each. Sew [1] **(R)** above each. Refer to as Jade Right. See Figure 3B



Figure 3A

Figure 3B

18. Fold **(A)** in half RST to make it 2-1/4" × 8-1/2". Sew [2] sides, making sure to backstitch.
19. Turn piece from previous step right side out. Press well. Topstitch 3 sides. Baste open side. Refer to as Flap.



20. Fold **(C)** in half wrong sides together to make it 7-1/2" × 9". Topstitch at the fold.
21. Baste sides and bottoms of unit from Step 20 to the right side of **(P)**. See Figure 4A.
22. Sew [1] **(M)** to each side of the unit from the previous step. See Figure 4B.



Figure 4A

Figure 4B

23. Sew raw edge basted side of Flap to the top of the unit from Step 22, centering. See Figure 5A.
24. Sew **(O)** to the top of the unit from Step 23. See Figure 5B. Refer to as Pocket Page.



Figure 5A

Figure 5B

## BOOK ASSEMBLY:

1. Sew Blue Left 1 to the left of Blue Right 1. Refer to as Page 2/5. Fuse [1] 11" × 18" interfacing if desired.



2. Sew Jade Center 1 to the left of Jade Center 2. Refer to as Page 3/4. Fuse [1] 11" × 18" interfacing if desired.



- Place Page 2/5 and Page 3/4 RST. Sew around the outside, leaving a 3-4" opening and backstitching at the beginning and end.
- Turn right side out. Finger press, fully press, and press seam allowance in.
- Edgestitch around the outside and finish 5-6 stitches over starting point using a 3-3.5 mm length. If you would like to quilt on it, make sure to avoid the pockets.
- Sew Pocket Page to the left of Blue Right 2.



- For front cover, sew [1] **(B)** to the left of [1] Front Page done in your choice of State Initial lettering. Instructions for the letters follow Book Assembly section.



- Repeat the process that was used to sew Page 2/5 and 3/4 together for Pocket Page/ Blue Right 2 and the Front Cover.
- Lay the [2] sets of pages together with Front Cover down and Page 3/4 facing up. Sew a stitch down the center of the sets, making sure to backstitch at beginning and end.
- Add any extra features such as buttons, ribbons, pins, trinkets, etc. to decorate your book. Use the pockets for attaching collector pins and inserting postcards or memorabilia.

## CUTTING FOR FRONT PAGE WITH LETTERING:

### From Flowers Fabric:

Cut [4] — 1-1/2" × 9-1/2" rectangles **(A)**

Cut [1] — 3-1/2" × 4-1/2" rectangle **(B)**

Cut [1] — 4-1/2" square **(C)**

## Other Pieces for Letters from Flowers and Blender Jade

These letters are different than the ones used in the previous section. This is not a cutting section, it just shows the size of each unit)

1-1/2" square **(D)**

1-1/2" × 2-1/2" rectangle **(E)**

1-1/2" × 3-1/2" rectangle **(F)**

1-1/2" × 4" rectangle **(G)**

1-1/2" × 4-1/2" rectangle **(H)**

1-1/2" × 5-1/2" rectangle **(I)**

2" square **(J)**

2" × 3-1/2" rectangle **(K)**

2-1/2" square **(L)**

2-1/2" × 3-1/2" rectangle **(M)**

## LETTER UNIT ASSEMBLY:

**For Letter D:** From Flowers cut [1] **(F)** and [2] **(D)**. From Blender cut [1] **(F)**, [2] **(E)** and [1] **(I)**.

- Sew [1] Flowers **(F)** to Blender Jade **(F)**.
- Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** from lower left to upper right corner of [1] Blender **(E)**.
- Sew unit from previous step below unit from Step 1.
- Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** from upper left to lower right corner of [1] Blender **(E)**.
- Sew unit from previous step to the top of unit from Step 3.
- Sew [1] Blender **(I)** to the left.
- Sew [1] Flowers **(I)** to the right for the Left Letter D.



**For Letter E:** From Flowers cut [1] **(D)** and [2] **(E)**. From Blender cut [1] **(D)** and [3] **(F)**.

- Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** to [1] Blender **(D)**.
- Sew [1] Flowers **(E)** above and below unit from previous step.
- Sew [1] Blender **(F)** to the left of the unit from the previous step making sure that the blender fabrics are next to each other.
- Sew [1] Blender **(F)** above and below the unit from the previous step.



**For Letter V:** From Flowers cut [1] **(G)** and [2] **(J)**. From Blender cut [2] **(G)** and [1] **(K)**.

1. Sew [1] Blender **(G)** on each side of [1] Flowers **(G)**.
2. Sew [1] Flowers **(J)** diagonally on the [2] top corners of Blender **(K)** to make a flying geese unit.
3. Sew flying geese unit below unit from Step 1.
4. For Letter V Left, sew [1] Flowers **(I)** to the left.



**For Letter J:** From Flowers cut [1] each **(F)**, **(D)** and **(H)**. From Blender cut [2] **(F)** and [1] **(E)**.

1. Sew [1] Flowers **(F)** to the left of [1] Blender **(F)**.
2. Sew one Flowers **(D)** diagonally from lower left to upper right on [1] Blender **(E)**.
3. Sew unit from Step 2 below unit from Step 1.
4. Sew [1] Flowers **(H)** to the right of the unit from Step 3.
5. Sew [1] Blender **(F)** above unit from Step 4.



**For Letter A:** From Flowers, cut [3] **(D)** and [1] **(E)**. From Blender, cut [1] **(D)**, [2] **(H)** and [1] **(F)**.

1. Sew in a column from top to bottom: Flowers **(D)**, Blender **(D)**, and Flowers **(E)**.
2. Sew [1] Blender **(H)** on each side of unit from Step 1.
3. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** diagonally from lower left to upper right on the top of [1] Blender **(F)**. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** diagonally from upper left to lower right on the opposite top corner.
4. Sew unit from Step 3 above unit from Step 2.



**For Letter P:** From Flowers, cut [3] **(D)** and [1] **(L)**. From Blender, cut [2] **(D)**, [1] **(F)** and [1] **(I)**.

1. Sew in a column from top to bottom: Blender **(D)**, Flowers **(D)**, Blender **(D)**.
2. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** diagonally from lower left to upper right on the top of [1] Blender

**(F)**. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** diagonally from upper left to lower right on the opposite top corner.

3. Sew unit from Step 2 to the right of the unit from Step 1.
4. Sew [1] Flowers **(L)** below unit from Step 3.
5. Sew [1] Blender **(I)** to the left of the unit from Step 4.



**For Letter M:** From Flowers cut [4] **(D)**, [1] **(E)** and [1] **(M)**. From Blender cut [2] **(D)**, [1] **(E)** and [2] **(I)**.

1. Sew [1] Blender **(D)** diagonally from left lower to right upper top corner of Flower **(E)**. Sew [1] Blender **(D)** diagonally from left upper to right lower top corner of Flower. Flying Goose made.
2. Repeat with Flowers **(D)** and Blender **(E)**.
3. Sew units from Step 1 and 2 so that blender fabrics are next to each other.
4. Sew [1] Flowers **(M)** below unit from Step 3.
5. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** from lower left to upper right corner of [1] Blender **(I)**. Make [2].
6. Sew unit from Step 5 to the right and left sides of unit from Step 4 as shown.



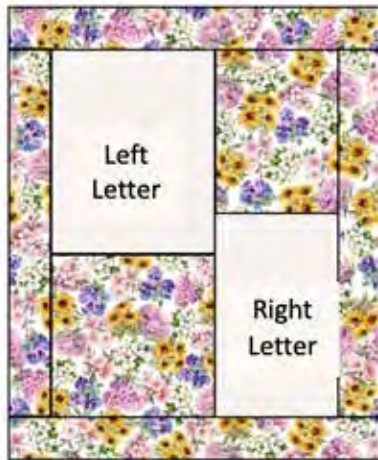
**For Letter W:** From Flowers cut [4] **(D)**, [1] **(E)** and [1] **(M)**. From Blender cut [2] **(D)**, [1] **(E)** and [2] **(I)**.

1. Make [2] Flying Geese as described in letter M directions.
2. Sew units above so that blender fabrics are next to each other.
3. Sew [1] Flowers **(M)** above unit from Step 3.
4. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** from lower left to upper right corner of [1] Blender **(I)**.
5. Sew [1] Flowers **(D)** from upper left to lower right corner of [1] Blender **(I)**.
6. Sew unit from Step 4 to the right side of unit from Step 3 as shown. Sew unit from Step 5 to the left side of this unit as shown.



## BASIC FRONT ASSEMBLY:

1. Sew [1] piece **(C)** below Left Letter.
2. Sew [1] **(B)** above Right Letter.
3. Sew units from steps 1 and 2 together.
4. Sew [1] **(A)** to each side.
5. Sew [1] **(A)** to top and bottom.



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Sara has found her passion through fabric and EQ8 to design over 150 patterns. Her quilting favorites are cutting the fabric and playing with small prints in soft and bold colors to make unique blocks. Sara has patterns published in several fabric company catalogs and will be introducing one in a 2026 magazine. She was thrilled to have two of her quilt pattern samples in Island Batiks fabrics displayed at Fall Quilt Market 2025.