

# Strip of the Month (SOM) Program for 2019-2020 March 2020 ~ Traditional Southwestern Design



This is not a traditional seminole strip, but the pattern lends itself to our theme. The following instructions create one design feature, finished at about 7 inches deep by by 18" wide. You can make and join as many as you like to match the width of your other strips.



Cutting Chart (Makes One Feature Design). Multiply by 3 to make 3 designs as above.

Cutting Instructions. All strips to be cut 1 ½ inches wide, and will finish at 1 inch. In the examples above, the backgrounf fabric is the light one.

Feature Fabric to make one design feature

A strips – cut two strips 1 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches

B strips – cut two strips 1 ½ inches x 5 ½ inches

C strips – cut one strip 1 1/2 inches x 8 1/2 inches

Background Fabric to make one design feature

D strips – cut four strips 1 ½ inches x 8 plus inches

E strips – cut four strips  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches x 7 plus inches

F strips – cut two strips 1 ½ inches x 6 plus inches

## Sewing Instructions for one design feature (See Tips on Next Page)

- 1. Sew a background D strip to each end of feature fabric strip A. Repeat making two separate strips that each 1 ½ by at least 18 inches. Call this Row 1.
- 2. Sew a background E strip to each end of feature fabric B. Repeat making two separate strips that each measure 1 ½ by at least 18 inches. Call this Row 2.
- 3. Sew a background F strip to each end of feature fabric strip C, making one strip that measures 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches by at least 18 inches. call this Row 3.
- 4. Assemble strips in an 1-2-3-2-1 pattern and join, making sure that feature fabrics are centred, and the feature strips 1, 2 and 3 line up and are centred.
- 5. Repeat above to make as many designs as you wish. 3 designs = width of about 48".

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# TIP 1

Layout your pieces on a table or design board before you start assembling. Seeing the finished design makes it easier to assemble., row by row.



## TIP 2

You can use more than one colour or print in your feature design. This strip can be made in a variety of sizes depending on the width and length of your strips. You can create different designs that coordinate. Let your creativity guide you!

#### **Final assembly**

Before finishing this strip you will need to consider the width of the other Rows you might be using in your finished project, and how you will assemblet hem. For this reason you might want to baste the three completed designs together temporarily to measure the width and determine if you wish to make more. Save your scraps.

When your final size is decided, add more design features, other design elements and border strips on top and bottom to complete your STRIP.

Examples of alternate assemblies:



