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## A Calendar for all Seasons



With a New Year right around the corner, create a perpetual calendar for yourself or as a specially created holiday gift.

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Skill Level: Intermediate



### Machines

ESG-2

Paletté version 3.0 or version 4.0

Designer's Gallery/SizeWorks

Clover Mini Iron



## Supplies

1 yard print fabric  
1/2 yard solid fabric  
1/2 yard canvas white or natural color  
1/2 yard of craft batting  
1 spool Clover Quick Bias™ to coordinate with other fabrics  
Assortment of embroidery thread (Finishing Touch colors were used on this project)  
All purpose thread-one spool to match print fabric and one to match bias tape  
Monofilament for bobbin (to use when quilting)  
Stabilizer  
Spray adhesive  
Snaps-assorted colors (snaps and the tool from Snap Source™ were used for this project)  
Alene's Tack It Over & Over™  
Marking pen  
Twin needle



## Embroider

With the Ellagéo in embroidery mode, select the "Spring" design from the built-in exclusive designs. Save the design to a floppy disk.

Take the floppy to your computer. Open Designer's Gallery (be sure to have the workspace on) and browse the a: drive. Select the design, click tools, SizeWorks. Size the design down to approximately 5" x 2-1/2". Save and exit back to Designer's Gallery. Right click on the design to send it to the floppy. Close Designer's Gallery.

### Set up for Paletté

Next open Paletté version 3.0 or version 4.0 layout and editing. Using the circle drawing tool; fill stitch off, zig-zag selected for the outline; draw an oval approximately 5" x 1-1/4". Copy this twice to create three ovals. Arrange them in the design page as shown. (See Illustration 1).



Illustration 1

Using the text tool, select a true type font (Actionls was used for this project) and type in "January" and click "ok". Using the select tool, select and move "January" to the center of the first oval. You will need to use the rotate function in order to center this. Repeat this for February and March. (See Illustration 2). Save this to the floppy disk.



Illustration 2

Repeat the above steps to create ovals and text for the remaining months of the year.

**HINT:** You can copy your oval and use the one created originally so they all will be the same.

When you have your months completed, start with a new design page to layout your days. You will create your ovals the same as you did for the months. The approximate dimensions will be 7/8" x 1-1/4". Copy and paste the ovals to fit the design page. You can use either the 160mm x 180mm or the 130mm x 180mm design page. Select your font and place a number in the center of each oval. (See Illustration 3). You will need numbers up to 31 so you may need to use more than one design page. Save these to the floppy.



Illustration 3

**HINT:** You may want to experiment with some wing dings to make some special holiday ovals. Such as: holiday designs, special personal days

To make the days of the week, select your true type font using the font tool. Type in Mon, click "ok" and save to floppy. Repeat this for each day of the week.



## Cutting & Preparation

Cut 1/2 yard solid fabric in half along the fold of the fabric. Set one piece aside as this will be used for the calendar. Cut the other piece into four 11' x 9" pieces (approximate). Stabilize these pieces with Totally Stable iron on stabilizer. You will hoop and embroider one season on each of these pieces. You will find "fall", "winter", and "summer" in the Ellagéo exclusive designs. You will use the sized "spring" you saved earlier on the floppy.

Cut canvas in same manner except you will want to cut it into 8 pieces. Using spray adhesive, stabilize the canvas with Cut Away Plus. You will use 4 of these pieces to embroider the months. You will embroider the days on the remaining pieces. You may not need all 4 of the remaining pieces.

**HINT:** Before cutting out, use a fray stop around the edge to prevent frayed edges. If you slip, use a bit of fray stop to seal the seam.

When you have finished embroidering the months and days you will need to cut them out. Cut to the stitching but be careful not to cut into the stitches.

After you have completed cutting out the months, set them aside. When you have finished cutting out the days, put Alene's Tack-It Over and Over on the back side. Do this on the days only. Follow the package instructions and set aside to dry.

Now, to assemble the calendar. From the print fashion fabric cut one strip 2-1/2" x the full width of the fabric. Cut this strip into one piece 11-1/2" long, one 15" long and two 6-1/2" long. Cut three more strips 3" x the full width of the fabric. These will be cut into 2-20" pieces and 2-26" pieces.

Cut the embroidered seasons pieces into 5-1/4" x 6-1/2" blocks. Cut a piece 13" x 15" from the piece of solid fabric that we set aside earlier.

All the seams for the construction of this project are 1/4" and all seams will be pressed toward the darker fabric. Use a universal needle and all purpose thread in the needle and the bobbin. Be sure to press as you go.

Join the blocks together with the 2-1/2" strip. (See Illustration 4). Join these sections together using the 2-1/2" x 11-1/2" piece.

Attach the 3" x 15" piece to the bottom of this section. (See Illustration 5). To the bottom of this sew the 13" x 15" piece of solid fabric. Attach a 3" x 26" piece along each side and a 3" x 20" along the top and top and bottom. (See Illustration 6).

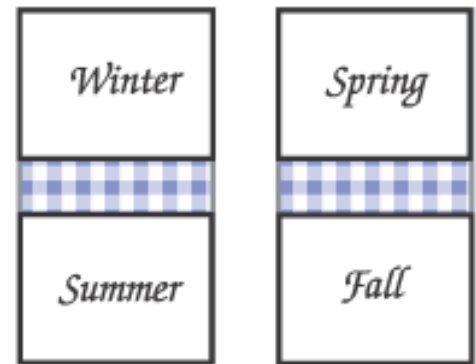


Illustration 4

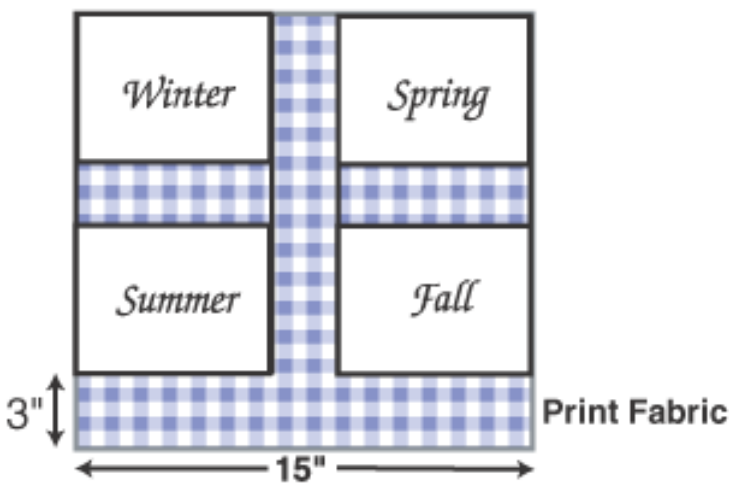


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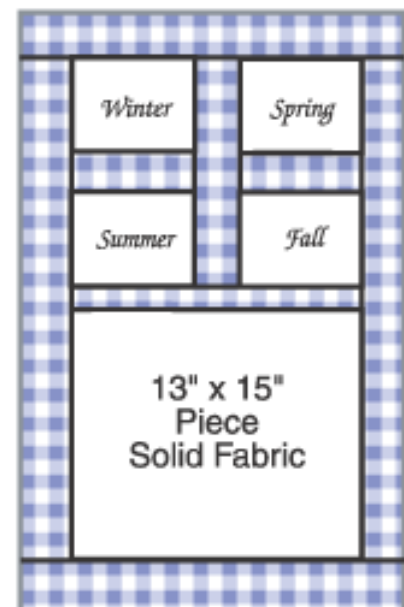


Illustration 6

Now it is time to add the calendar. Using your erasable marking pen, you will make a grid to mark when you will embroider the days of the week and iron the Clover Quick Bias. The top line will be 2-1/4" from the seam and the outer box will be 12" x 8". The spaces for the days of the week will be 1-3/4" x 3/4". The spaces for the days will be 1-3/4" x 1-1/2". Finally, mark the center of each of the 1-3/4" x 3/4" boxes so the days of the week can be stitched in the center. (See Illustration 7). Hoop and stitch the days of the week on these boxes. I found it easiest to use the Totally Stable iron-on stabilizer and the smallest hoop. Using the embroidery edit feature of the machine I was able to center each day in the block.

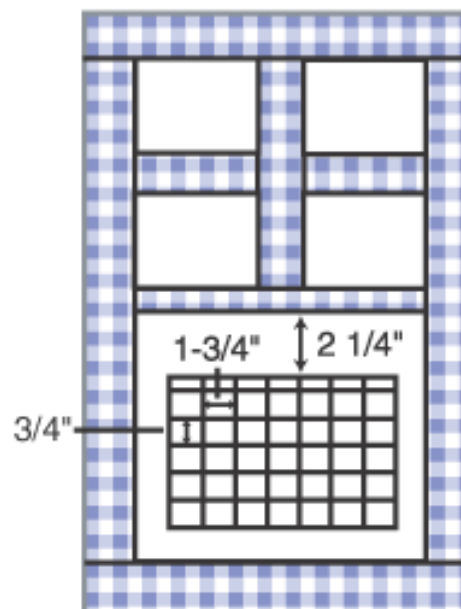


Illustration 7

Cut your batting to the size of the calendar top. Spray calendar with spray adhesive on the back side and place on batting. Spray wrong side of remaining piece of print fashion fabric and place on the back of the calendar. You want to be sure you have at least 1-1/4" border on all sides. (See Illustration 8). Using a straight stitch, center needle position, stitch in the ditch in the seam around each season square. Use thread to match the printed fabric and monofilament in the bobbin. Next, iron the bias tape on the grid markings. Using a twin needle, straight stitch, center needle position, sew the bias to the calendar. You will sew through all layers. Use top thread to match the bias tape and monofilament in the bobbin. Change back to the universal needle and stitch in the ditch in the seam surrounding this square.

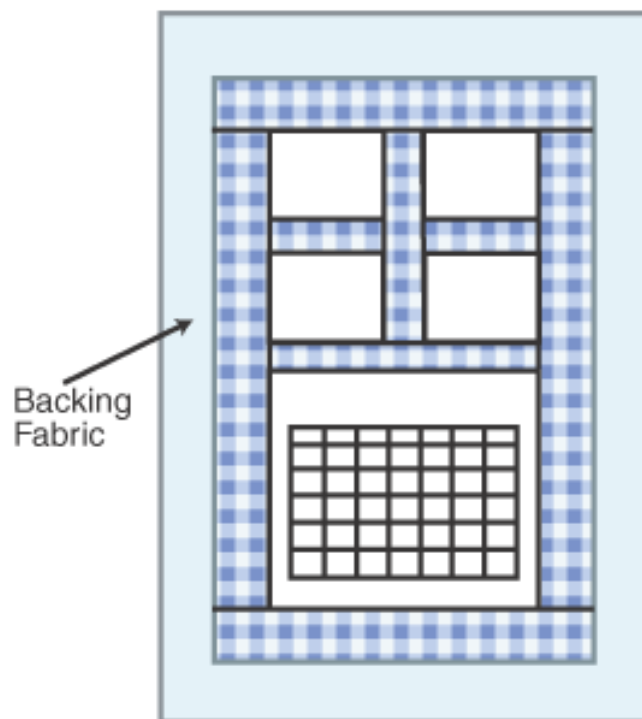


Illustration 8

Trim the border of backing fabric to an even 1-1/4" around the entire calendar. Fold this over the edge of the calendar to the top, mitering the corners, (See Illustration 9) and fold under raw edge 1/4". Select the quilting appliqué stitch #1-33 in the utility stitches and mirror image it. You will use this to stitch in the ditch and tack down the binding.

Attach snaps to each month and to the calendar. You are now ready to snap on your month, stick on your days and display your calendar creation. (See Illustration 10).

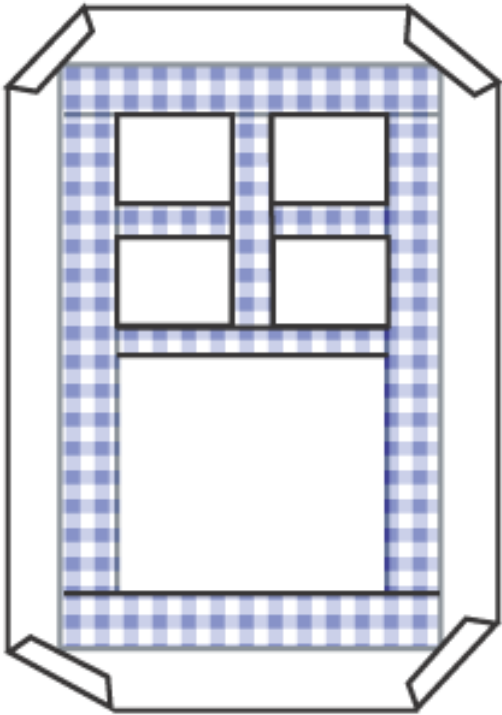


Illustration 9

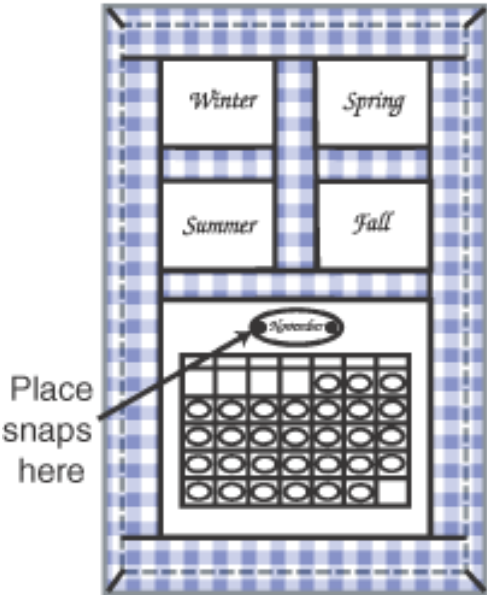


Illustration 10