

# Pieced Brain



BEGINNER | 1 DAY CLASS

## BORN TO BE FREE

Finished Quilt: 42" x 60"

Quilt design by Denise Russell of Pieced Brain Designs, featuring Imagine This, a Hoffman Spectrum Digital Print collection.

Fox and friends are set off beautifully using simple piecing, symmetrical borders, and the perfectly matched Batik Dots.



Q4483 44-Forest



Q4484 70-Lavender



885 14-Purple



885 211-Green Tea



885 324-Dragonfly



1895 589-April

FABRICS	1 KIT
Q4483 44-Forest	1 Panel
Q4484 70-Lavender	5/8 Yard
885 14-Purple	7/8 Yard*
885 211-Green Tea	1/2 Yard
885 324-Dragonfly	1/2 Yard
1895 589-April	1/4 Yard

\* includes binding

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## Born To Be Free – Imagine This version

Designed by Denise Russell  
Finished quilt size: 60" x 42"

### Materials

- 1 Imagine This Q4483 Forest panel
- 1/4 yard Bali Watercolors 1895 April
- 1/2 yard *each*:
  - Bali Dots 885 Green Tea
  - Bali Dots 885 Dragonfly
- 5/8 yard Imagine This Q4484 Lavender
- 7/8 yard Bali Dots 885 Purple (includes binding)
- 2-1/2 yards backing fabric
- 68" x 50" piece of batting

### Cutting

From Imagine This Q4483 Forest panel:

\*Trim panel to 42-1/2" x 28-1/2".

From Bali Watercolors 1895 April:

\*Cut one (2" x WOF) strip.

\*Cut one (2-5/8" x WOF) strip. Sub-cut six 2-5/8" squares.

From Bali Dots 885 Green Tea:

\*Cut five (2" x WOF) strips.

\*Cut one (2-5/8" x WOF) strip. Sub-cut six 2-5/8" squares.

From Bali Dots 885 Dragonfly:

\*Cut six (2" x WOF) strips.

\*Cut one (3-1/2" x WOF) strip. Sub-cut:

- Four 3-1/2" squares.

- Four 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles.

From Imagine This Q4484 Lavender:

\*Cut one (2-5/8" x WOF) strip. Sub-cut eight 2-5/8" squares.

\*Cut five (3-1/2" x WOF) strips for border 2.

From Bali Dots 885 Purple:

\*Cut three (1-1/2" x WOF) strips for border 1 (top/bottom).

\*Cut three (2-3/8" x WOF) strips. Sub-cut forty 2-3/8" squares. Cut once diagonally.

\*Cut six (2-1/2" x WOF) strips for binding.

### Block Assembly

*All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted. If not indicated, press seams toward darker fabric.*

1. Sew two Purple triangles to opposing sides of a Lavender 2-5/8" square. Press open. Sew two more triangles to the other sides of the same square. Press open. (Figure 1). Repeat to make eight 3-1/2" blocks.

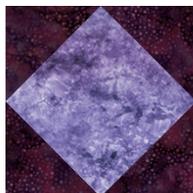


Figure 1

2. Repeat step 1 with remaining Purple triangles and the Green Tea and April 2-5/8" squares. Make 6 blocks of each fabric combination.

3. Sew **five** Dragonfly 2" strips to the five Green Tea 2" strips. Do not press open. Cut strip sets into 2" sections. Press open. Use 104 units.

4. Sew two units from step 3 together to make a 4-patch (Figure 2). Repeat to make fifty-two 4-patches.

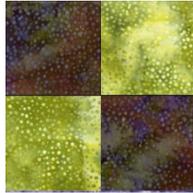


Figure 2 – 3-1/2" 4-patch

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 with the 2" Dragonfly and the 2" April strips to make four 4-patch units (Figure 3).

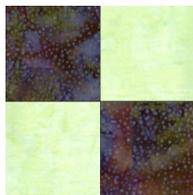


Figure 3

6. Sew a Dragonfly 3-1/2" square to each 4-patch from step 5 (Figure 4).

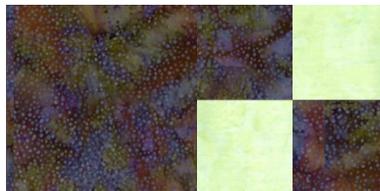


Figure 4

7. Sew a Dragonfly 3-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle to each unit from step 6 to make four corner blocks (Figure 5).

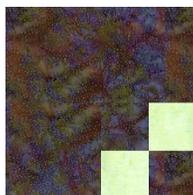


Figure 5

### Quilt Top Assembly

8. For border 1, sew together 10 blocks from steps 1 and 2, referring to the quilt photograph for fabric placement. (Figure 6). Press seams to one direction. Repeat to make two strips. Sew strips to the sides of the quilt top. Press seams toward panel.



Figure 6

9. For the top and bottom border 1 strips, sew the three Purple 1-1/2" strips together end to end with diagonal seams. Sew the strip to the top of the quilt center and trim the extra length. Sew remaining strip to the bottom. Press seams toward border.

10. For border 2, sew together ten 4-patch units from step 4 to form a side border strip. Press seams in one direction. Repeat to make the second side strip.

11. Sew a Lavender 3-1/2" strip to one side border strip and trim extra length. (Figure 7). Repeat with the other border strip. Sew strips to the sides of the quilt center. Press away from center.

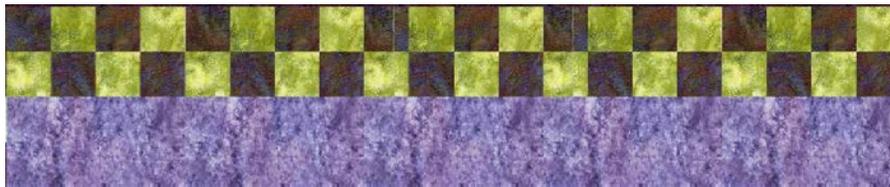


Figure 7

12. Repeat step 10 with sixteen 4-patch units to make the top and the bottom border strips.

13. Sew the remaining 3-1/2" Lavender strips end to end with diagonal seams. Sew this strip to the first border strip from step 12, trim extra length, then repeat with the other border strip. Sew a patch from step 7 to each end of the strips. (Figure 8). Sew one border strip to the top and one to the bottom of the quilt center.

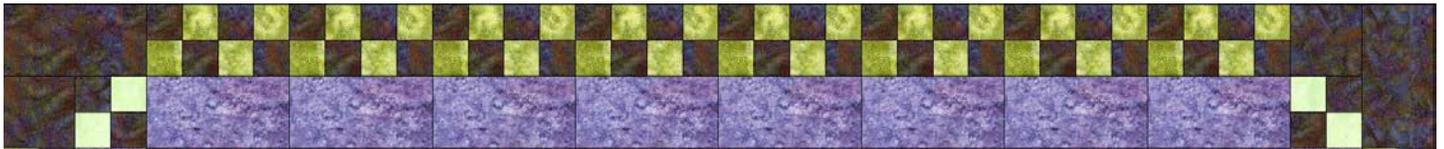


Figure 8

### Finishing

14. Create a quilt sandwich with the batting between the quilt top and the backing. Pin or baste layers together, mark quilting design, and quilt by hand or machine. When quilting is complete, remove pins or basting, and trim batting and backing even with raw edges of the quilt top.

15. Join the six Purple 2-1/2" binding strips together end to end using a diagonal seam to make one long strip. Press in half lengthwise. Sew binding to the edges of the quilt top, mitering corners, and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back of the quilt and stitch it in place by hand to finish.