

Smart & Easy Pattern

Kiss Me... I'm Irish Wall Hanging by ScrapSMART.com

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Spreading the Luck O' the Irish

They say everyone is a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and we believe it! We've come up with this festive wall hanging that'll make every Irish eye smile, and bring a little luck into your home. It's perfect to display on walls, over mantels, in your front door, or any place that could use a little green!

Fun St. Patrick's Day Facts:

- "May the Blessings of St. Patrick's be with you" is a traditional St. Patrick's Day greeting.
- Boston held the first St. Patrick's Day celebration on U.S. soil in 1737.
- Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day is thought to bring you good luck. According to popular tradition, those not wearing green may find themselves getting pinched!
- Four leaf clovers and shamrocks have always been thought to be lucky, but said to be more powerful on St. Patrick's Day Eve. A young lass who hangs a four leaf clover in the doorway will marry the first man who enters!

Materials Needed:

- ¼ yard of Border Fabric
- ¾ yard of Backing Fabric
- 1/8 yard of Contrast Fabric
- 5 Sheets of Printed Treasures or Jacquard printable fabric
- 30" x 40" Piece of thin Warm Company batting
- Sulky Threads to match

Cutting:

Border fabric: 3 pieces – 3 ½" x 11"
2 pieces – 3 ½" x 4 ½"
2 pieces – 3 ½" x 8"

Backing fabric: 3 pieces – 5 ½" x 9 ½"
1 piece – 5" x 17"

Batting: 3 pieces – 5 ½" x 9 ½"

Printed fabric sheets:

- From the first sheet: 3 printed pieces – 3 ½" x 5 ½"; 1 strip of printed fabric – 1" x 11", subcut into 3 - 1" x 3 ½"



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- From the second sheet: 3 printed triangles – on the side printed lines and ¼” above the top line; Top printed banner – cut on line to measure 4 ½” x 11”
- From the third sheet of medium colored fabric: 5 pieces – 1 ½” x 11”
- From the fourth sheet of light colored fabric: 4 pieces – 1 ½” x 11”
- Leave the fifth sheet panel uncut at 8 ½” x 11”

Contrast fabric:

- 4 pieces – ¾” x 11”
- 2 pieces – ¾” x 8 ½”
- 2 pieces – 4 ½” x 11”

Note: Use a ¼” seam allowance throughout this project.

Bottom Banner Points: (Make three)

1. Sew a 1” x 3 ½” medium colored printed fabric to the bottom edge of the 3 ½” x 5” printed rectangles. Press toward the top. Sew a printed fabric triangle to the bottom of the 1” x 3 ½” medium colored printed fabric. Press toward the medium colored printed fabric strip.



Bottom Banner Points

2. Layer together a 5 ½” x 9” piece of thin batting, a 5 ½” x 9” piece of backing fabric right side up, and the bottom banner point right side down. Sew together down one side to the point, up the side to the top, leaving the top open.
3. Trim away the point to within 1/8” of the stitching and the sides to ¼”. Turn to the right side and press the edges out.
4. Using a decorative thread, quilt through all layers as desired. Set aside.

Nine Patch Cornerstones: (Make six)

1. Sew together two strip sets, each using two medium colored printed fabric strips 1 ½” x 11” and one light

colored printed fabric strip 1 ½” x 11”. Press toward the medium colored printed fabric.



Nine Patch Cornerstone

2. Sew together one strip set using two light colored printed fabric strips 1 ½” x 11” and one medium colored printed fabric strip 1 ½” x 11”. Press toward the medium colored printed fabric.
3. Cross cut these strip sets into 1 ½” slices to total:
 - Medium-light-medium – 12 pieces
 - Light-medium-light – 6 pieces
4. Sew three of these slices, using 2 medium-light-medium and 1 light-medium-light, into 9 patches. Press toward the center. Set aside.

Contrast Strips:

1. Fold ¾” contrast strips in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Sew these pressed strips to the sides, tops and bottoms of the printed fabric top banner and the center panel using a scant ¼” seam.

Assemble the Top:

1. Sew a 3 ½” x 11” border strip to the tops of the printed fabric banner and the printed fabric center panel. Sew a 3 ½” x 11” border strip to the bottom of the printed fabric center panel. Sew the bottom of the top printed fabric banner to the border strip at the top of the printed fabric center panel. Press all seams toward the border strips.
2. Sew together two strips as follows:
 - a. To each side of the 3 ½” x 4 ½” border strip, sew a printed fabric 9 patch.
 - b. To one end of the 3 ½” x 8 ½” border strip, sew a printed fabric 9 patch.
 - c. Sew the other end of the 3 ½” x 8 ½” border strip, sew the strip set from step a.

3. Sew the border strip sets to the two sides of the center set. Press toward the border strips.
4. Lay the Bottom Banner Points, (wrong sides together so that the points are laying on top of the center) to the bottom edge of the center having one in the middle of the bottom edge and two placed 1 ¼" in from the side edges. Baste in place using a scant ¼" seam.
5. Layer together, thin batting, banner top right side up, and backing wrong side up. Sew together starting 2 ¼" down from the top edge down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side stopping 2 ¼" down from the top edge. Trim the excess batting and backing to be even with the top. Trim the bottom corners ⅛" from stitching at a diagonal – this will make a better point at the bottom corners.
6. With the piece lying on a flat surface, batting side down, fold down the top 2 ¼" to where the side stitching stops. Place the 4 ½" x 17" sleeve, right sides together, on the top of the center unit matching edges. Sew up from where the side stitching stops to the top edge of the center unit and down the side of the center unit to where the other side stitching stops.
7. Turn the piece over and with the batting side up, fold the backing and batting down 2 ¼" to where the side stitching stops. Place unsewn edges of the sleeve at the top edge of the backing and batting and matching the side edges of the sleeve to the unsewn side edges of the backing and batting. Sew up from where the side stitching stops to the top edge of the backing and batting and across the top stopping 5" from the side. Leave a 7 ½" space unsewn at the top edge of the backing and batting. Start sewing 5" from the side edge and continue across the remainder of the top and down the side to where the side stitching of the center unit stops. Trim the top corners ⅛" away from the stitching on a diagonal. Carefully, trim ¼" of batting from the 7 ½" unsewn seam allowance. Press the ¼" seam allowance open in the 7 ½" space that is not sewn.
8. Turn the unit to the right side through the 7 ½" opening. Push out the top edges, sides, and corners. The bottom banner points should be pointing down and the sleeve should fold in on itself but separating the top 2" of the center unit from the backing and batting. Slip stitch the opening closed. Light press.
9. Top stitch the side edges of the inside sleeve about ¼" from the side seamed edge on the front and back. The front section of the sleeve only, machine stitch in the ditch along both edges of the light horizontal strip and both sides of the light vertical strips down from the top edge to the depth of the sleeve only. Quilt the front side of the quilt only in the area of the inside sleeve taking care not to catch the back side of the sleeve.
10. Bring both top edges together and top stitch using a ¼" seam. This forms the rod pocket used for hanging the background unit.
11. Quilt the remainder of the center as desired.



The St. Patrick's Day Wall Hanging Kit includes these five 8 ½" x 11" pages. See the entire beautiful vintage collection at ScrapSMART.com.

Project Resource Guide:

Printable Fabrics:

Printed Treasures Fabrics – www.scrapsmart.com

Jacquard Products – www.jacquardproducts.com

Thread: Sulkey of America – www.sulkey.com

Batting: The Warm Company – www.warmcompany.com

Images on CD and to Download:

ScrapSMART – www.Scrapsmart.com

Fabric Printing Book: *Print your Own Fabric* by Linda Griepentrog and Missy Shepler



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