

Directions for the “I SPY” quilt for the 2017 Bolton Fair

The quilt will consist of 64 blocks, eight rows of eight blocks, finishing at 40” square. The blocks will be made “potholder style” meaning each block will be finished including quilting and binding individually. They will then be whip-stitched together to form the quilt. The block pieces will consist of a 7” square of matching lime green backing/binding, 5” square of batting and a 5” square of “I SPY” block for the front. These “I SPY” blocks should be of kid interesting objects/scenes and/or holiday and seasonal themes such as beach, fall leaves, winter, Halloween etc.

To sew the blocks:

- Place the 7” lime green backing right side down.
- Center the batting on top of the wrong side of said backing.
- Place on top of the batting the “I SPY” front block, right side up.
- Machine quilt the three pieces together, corner to corner (x) using medium gray or matching green thread, back-stitching at each corner to lock in place.
- To bind the block, with the block right side up, fold two opposite sides of the extra backing around the edge, first in half so raw edge is touching the batting and front block, and iron.
- Fold over again so fold is overlapping the “I SPY” block front by approximately 3/8” and iron.
- Repeat these last two steps with the other two opposite sides not yet folded. This will result in the corners folded square, not mitered when sewn.
- Hand sew down these four sides of the block to form the binding using matching green thread if possible.

Your block is now done. Please feel free to continue if you have more than one block by whip-stitching the blocks together using matching green thread.

- To whip stitch the blocks together, face two blocks front sides together and sew the back with small whip stitches, catching just the edges of each block together.
- Continue to stitch up to eight blocks together forming either a partial or full row and return it at the April meeting.
- Then the Bolton Fair Committee will finish the quilt.

The finished quilt will consist of eight rows of eight blocks each.