

Patchwork Posse Round Robin ~ Border #7

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Hello! Welcome to border #7 in our very super fun round robin. I have so loved all the border rounds, and am delighted that I am joining Becky and you all on this round. I warn you, I *love* to talk, so these instructions may be a bit chatty!!!

As Beth mentioned in the last round, all of our tops may be measuring slightly differently due to variations in sewing seam allowances, printing templates, etc. I designed this border to accommodate this, so no worries. *Please read thru these instructions before beginning your borders. Always good to know what's ahead, right?*



So, here is the border (I don't have any fancy software and I really doubt you'd want to see my hand-drawn sketches, sooo...here's the side of my quilt top...cute huh? The butterflies are for my daughter as this quilt will hang in her room. The crazy patches are my way of using up the many scraps I've made during each round of borders.

Here's what you need:

- Background fabric - 6 ½" x 6 ½" squares – cut 4
- Dark fabric scraps - 5" x 1 ½" strips – cut 4 for butterfly bodies
- Lots of scraps/block trimmings of the fabrics and/or colors used in your round robin top thus far. Try to limit the background fabric here. Colors work best.
- Paper foundation (I used an old telephone book*) – 8" squares – 14 each
- Iron-on fusible web, embroidery thread & needle and other appliqué supplies, depending on how you like to appliqué.

**it's thin, easy to rip off and a good way to recycle*

Let's get started!

Crazy Patches: We'll piece the crazy patches first. You'll make 14 of them, 10 for the borders and 4 to use for the butterflies.

Place a fabric scrap (or a trimming from a previous border) in the center of the paper foundation right side up. Lay another fabric scrap on top of that right side down. It doesn't have to line up perfectly. Sew a ¼" seam along the edge of the top fabric. Finger press open.



Measure set #1 & set #2 – add together. Mine is $18 \frac{1}{2}'' + 18 \frac{1}{2}'' = 37''$. _____ + _____ = _____

Subtract $\frac{1}{2}''$ for seam allowances. So, mine is $37'' - \frac{1}{2}'' = 36 \frac{1}{2}''$. _____ - _____ = _____

Subtract this from your quilt side measurement from above. Mine is $40 \frac{1}{2}'' - 36 \frac{1}{2}'' = 4''$.

_____ - _____ = _____

This is the *magic number* you need to finish your border to fit your quilt top! Trim the 2 “fixer” patches to $6 \frac{1}{2}'' \times$ YOUR MAGIC NUMBER.

Now finish your borders like this:

Set #1
“Fixer” crazy patch
Set #2

← Make 2

Sew your borders to your quilt top making sure to match the seams by the butterfly blocks.

Here is my quilt top with our new crazy butterfly borders. See the center patch in the border? Because they are crazy patches, it blends right in – yay!



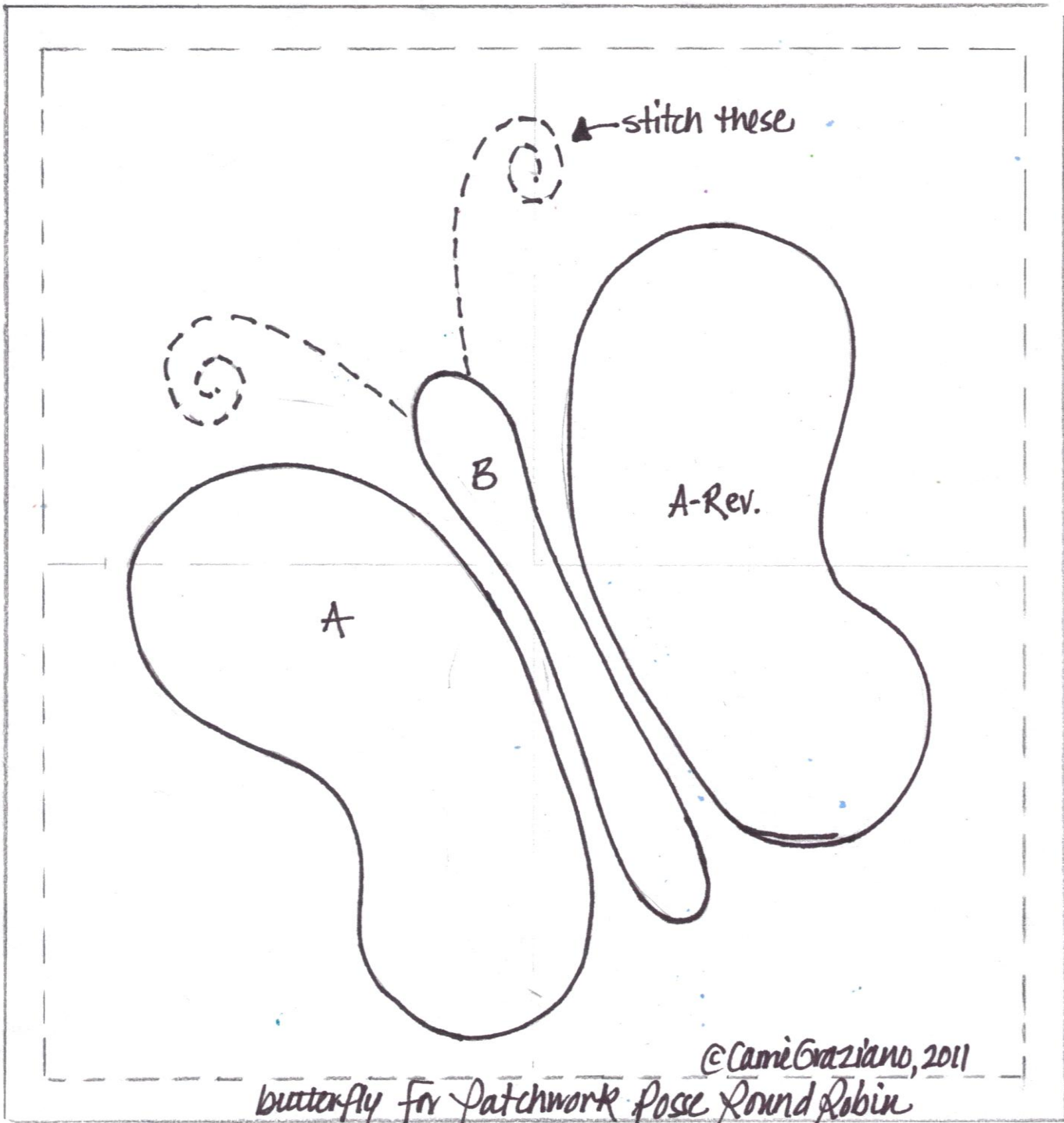
“Fixer”
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I actually made an extra patch that I am using for my signature block on the back of this quilt. Happy accident {smile}.

Thanks for making this border with me. Check out my blog at <http://cricketsstudio.blogspot.com> to see how my quilt turns out and what else I am up to!

~Carrie





* place butterfly this way for 2 blocks; reverse for the other 2 blocks.

