

Janet Collins Designs

'From the First Stitch to the Last'

Free Pattern Series

Feathered Dreams Runner



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This runner is what started me designing my **Feathered Dreams** quilt. I wanted to create a simple project to showcase these wonderful templates.

I had this striking Japanese print in our shop and really wanted to use it. Initially I was just going to use an Essex Linen fabric, but when I saw a new bolt of Metallic Essex come in, I was a goner. It just took on a whole new look. So I cut 10" strips from the bolts of fabrics, cut some batting and got out my Feather templates.

Hmmm what to do. I initially was going to do a straight feather, but that seemed a little boring, so I just drew a curved line down the centre of the fabric. By then I had already decided to **TempLeeQuilt** it, not realising at the time just how stunning it would be. (other people's words, not mine). I started to quilt all the feathers down the spine, then realised I didn't have a spine, just a drawn line.

So then I decided to use the new Decorative Thread Foot that Leonie and Bill had sent me to try. Now what thread? We had just had a delivery of sparkly silver thread that was just perfect.

So the spine was stitched and I got back and finished quilting the feathers. It was whilst I was quilting that I realised that my base thread was almost a match for the fabric. I wondered how it would look like and if I had enough contrast. Too late, already started and as I tell my students, just keep going and see what it looks like.

I was really pleased with the result when I started cutting out the shapes. I sent a photo to Leonie to see what she thought of it. Needless to say, she loved it, asked me to get a binding on it ASAP, put it in an Express post bag and get it to her to take to England the following Tuesday. I did as I was asked, and off it went. What a thrill it was to see it on the TV programme that Leonie was doing in England. It was right at the front of the display desk for the whole programme. My other new quilt **Feathered Roses** was there as well.

So this runner is the result of playing with the **Feathered Leaf Set** from Westalee Design.

Since then I have taught this runner in Perth and Adelaide with everyone loving the simplicity of it. It is quick, easy and looks great in all colourways.

Please enjoy this free pattern as a gift from me.

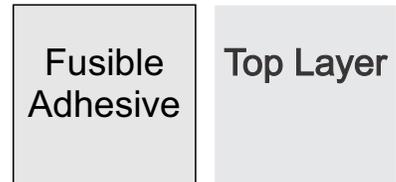
I hope you enjoy making your own Feathered Dreams Runner.

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Preparation for “TempLeeQuilting”

Prepare your 10" strips using the directions below..

Apply paper backed fusible web to the wrong side of all the **TOP** fabrics using the manufacturers instructions.



Making a TempLeeQuilt™ sandwich

Lay the batting rectangle **wrong side up**, on your table.

Lightly spray the batting block with spray adhesive.
Remember that we are BASTING NOT GLUEING.

If you spray the fabric instead of the batting you can create a 'drag' effect when quilting.

I once had a student who did this quite unintentionally who sprayed too much on the fabric side. No matter what we did, we couldn't get her fabric to move smoothly. After a few choice words, I finally figured out that there was glue on the bottom fabric and that was the problem. So take care with the Spray Baste...

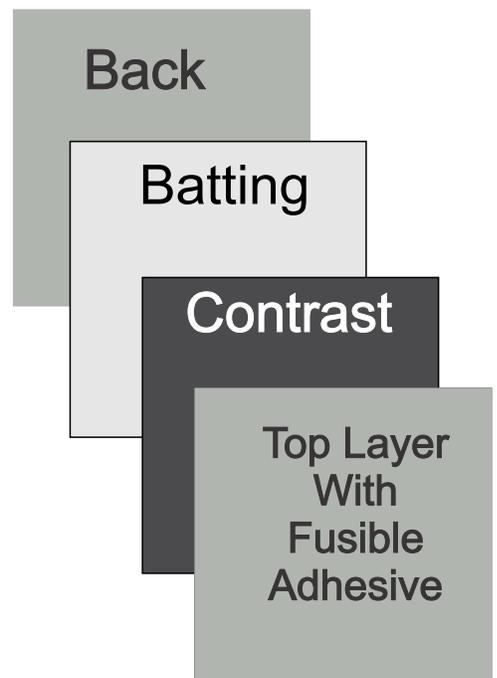
Gently lay the **backing** rectangle on top of this and smooth it out. Turn the block over so that the batting is now on top. Spray the **top** of the batting lightly, then lay the contrast square on top. Smooth it out.

Remove the paper backing from the **top** paper backed rectangle.
Lay the **top** fusible backed fabric on top of the other fabrics.

Voila !!! “TempLeeQuilt” sandwiches

DO NOT IRON at this stage.

If you find that it moves a little, just put a pin in each corner. We don't want this layer pressed down just yet.



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Draw in a 42" x 6" box. Mark $\frac{1}{2}$ " outside to all sides.

Mark a curved line in the middle of each block.



Using the Decorative Thread Foot, couch a thread down the centre of the spine using a thread of your choice. Tie in all the ends. Follow the directions that came with the foot or watch the video at Westalee Design.



Quilt feathers along the spine using the 5" Feather Template. Be sure to keep inside the drawn box and allow for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances all round.

Trim out each feather, top layer only, $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the stitching line using sharp scissors. Take your time with this. The neater you are the better the finished result.

PRESS the completed block to adhere the fusible web and seal the raw edges on the block.

Trim the block to 7" x 42".
Bind your runner.

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Using the Decorative Thread Foot

Westalee Design gave Quilters the first adjustable height Domestic Sewing Machine Ruler Foot in 2015. Continuing their tradition of innovation for quilting, they now bring you their Decorative Threads Ruler Foot to let you couch with just one Ruler Foot along with the guidance of templates using a wide variety of decorative threads from stranded silk to 12 ply metallics. All without changing the Ruler Foot. I have decided to use a decorative thread for all the spines in this quilt. I used Wonderfil Dazzle in Silver. However you can use any thread that suits your quilt.



Follow the Instructions that came with your Decorative Thread Ruler Foot or watch the Westalee Design Video on their Youtube channel for visual directions.

The choice to use a decorative thread is yours. It is not essential, but I liked the look and definition it gave my blocks.

Once all the threads have been couched tie all the ends in to secure them.



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Other Layouts that you can create with these blocks



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This is one of my Free pattern Series.

These patterns are available to enable you to try new templates. I hope you enjoy this series. If there is a template you want me to add to the series, just let me know.

Teachers who teach Westalee Design Templates are welcome to teach this design so long as genuine templates are used.

Fabric Requirements

10" Top fabric x Width of fabric
10" Bottom Fabric x Width of fabric
10" Feature Fabric x Width of fabric
10" Piece Batting x Width of fabric
10" Paper backed fusible web x Width of fabric

Template Requirements

Westalee Design Ruler Foot
Westalee Design Decorative Thread Ruler Foot
Westalee Design 5" Feathered Leaf Template
Westalee Design Finial Template

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