

# Activity 25

## Fabric Wall Hanging

Use your creativity to design and create a quilted fabric wall hanging. You will start by personalizing the fabric to your own taste, giving you one-of-a-kind results. Once the wall hanging is completed, showcase it in a special place in your home.

### Supplies

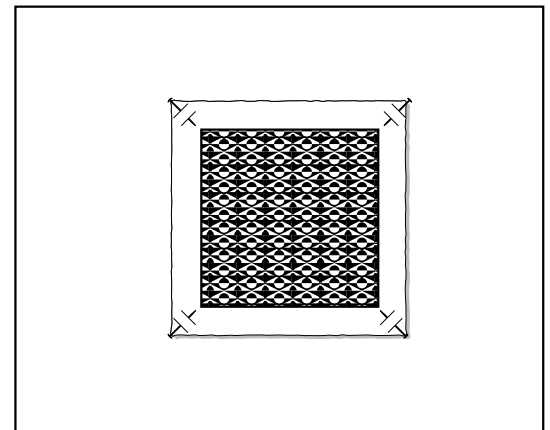
- muslin or white or cream broadcloth
- cotton print to use for borders
- thread to match quilting fabric
- quilting thread
- lightweight batting
- quilt binding or wide bias tape to match border fabric
- fabric paints
- paintbrush
- narrow ribbon, 18-in. (46-cm) long
- cork board or foam core board
- straight pins
- hand-sewing needle
- dowel, 12-in. (30.5-cm) long and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. (2 cm) in diameter
- *optional*: quilting hoop, stencils, stamps

### Directions:

*Note:* Prewash all fabrics before beginning.

### To create the painted fabric:

1. Using the muslin or cotton broadcloth, cut out one 11-in. (28-cm) square.
2. Pin the square to the cork board or foam core board to hold it in place while you paint.
3. Paint freeform, or use a stencil or stamps to create your design. Let the paint dry completely before you continue the project. **See Fig. 25-1.**



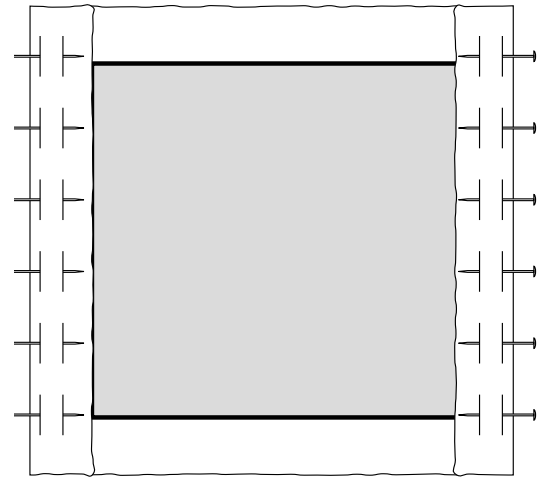
**Fig. 25-1**

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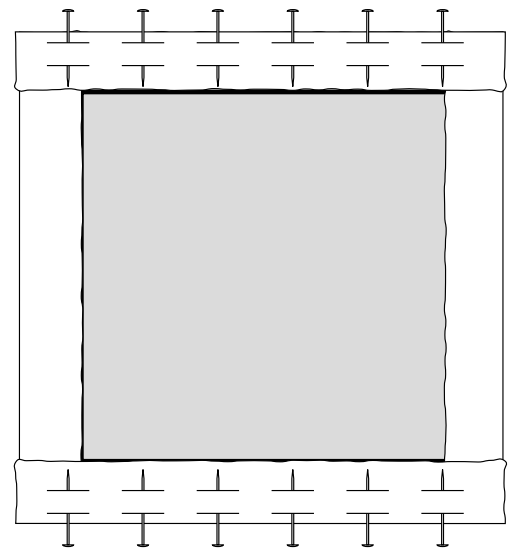
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#### To create the wall hanging borders:

4. Cut two 2½-in. × 11-in. (6.5-cm × 28-cm) rectangles and two 2½-in. × 14-in. (6.5-cm × 35.5-cm) rectangles from the fabrics you have chosen for the block borders.
5. Cut a 14½-in. (36.25-cm) square of backing fabric.
6. Right sides together, pin the 2½-in. × 11-in. (6.5-cm × 28-cm) rectangles to the sides of the blocks. **See Fig. 25-2.**
7. Stitch using a ½-in. (1.3-cm) seam.
8. Right sides together, pin the two 2½-in. × 14-in. (6.5-cm × 35.5-cm) rectangles to the top and bottom of the block. **See Fig. 25-3.**
9. Stitch using a ½-in. (1.3-cm) seam.



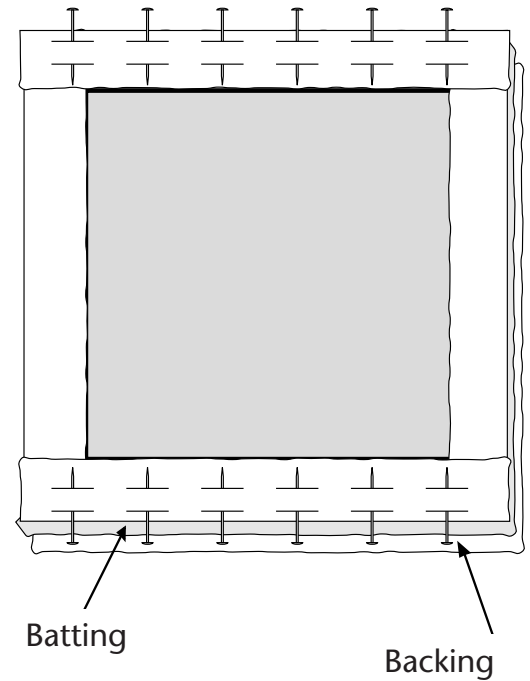
**Fig. 25-2**



**Fig. 25-3**

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- 10.** Layer the backing fabric wrong-side up, and the batting and the quilt top right-side up. Pin securely to hold the layers together. **See Fig. 25-4.**



**Fig. 25-4**

**To quilt the wall hanging:**

- 11.** Quilt the block in one of the following ways:

- **Free-motion quilt.** Thread the top of the machine with quilting thread; use regular thread in the bobbin; and stitch in a random pattern.
- **Channel quilt.** Thread the top of the machine with quilting thread; use regular thread in the bobbin; and stitch rows of lines from top to bottom or side to side  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (1.3 cm) apart.
- **Hand-stitch quilt.** Thread a hand-quilting needle with quilting thread and hand pick stitches in the block. Use a quilting hoop if available.

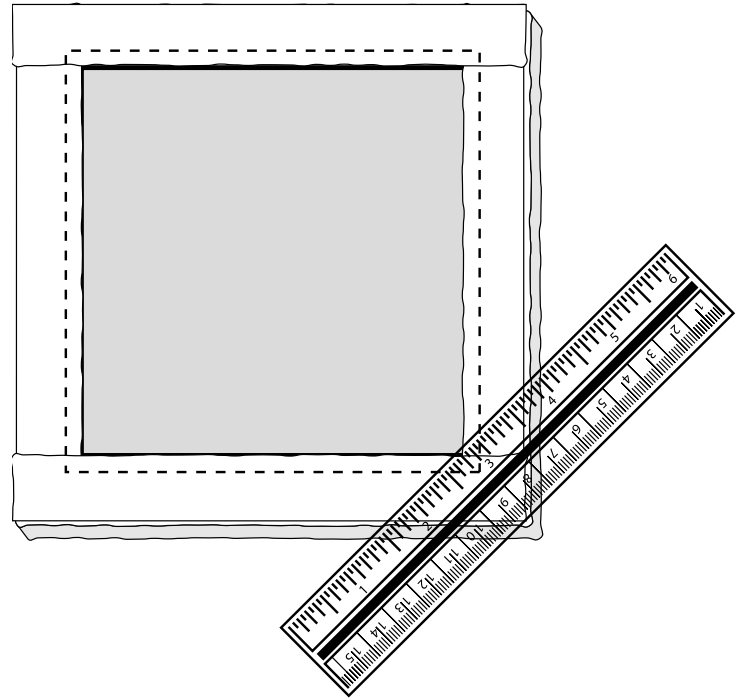
- 12.** Trim off the excess backing and batting around the edges.

**To add the binding:**

- 13.** Right sides together, pin the binding to the quilt edges.

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- 14.** Using a hand-sewing needle and thread, edgestitch the binding to the quilt. For the corners, use a ruler to measure from each side where the strips cross and draw a line. Stitch across the line and cut off the excess binding at each corner. **See Fig. 25-5.**



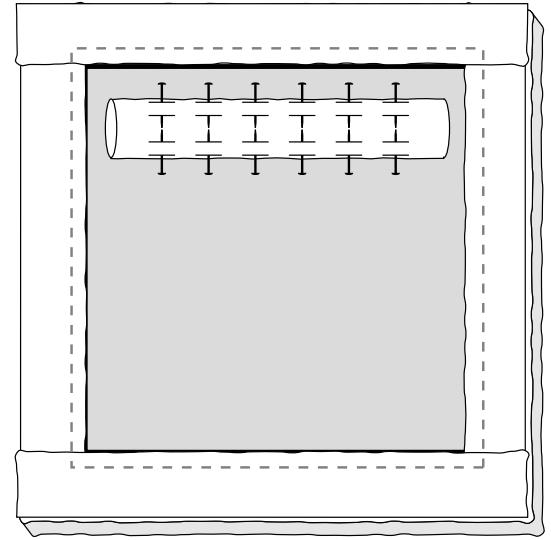
**Fig. 25-5**

- 15.** Fold the binding over the edge to cover it completely. Pin the binding in place on the back side.
- 16.** Use sewing thread that matches the binding and a slipstitch to catch the edge of the binding to the backing. Be sure your stitches do not show through on the front.

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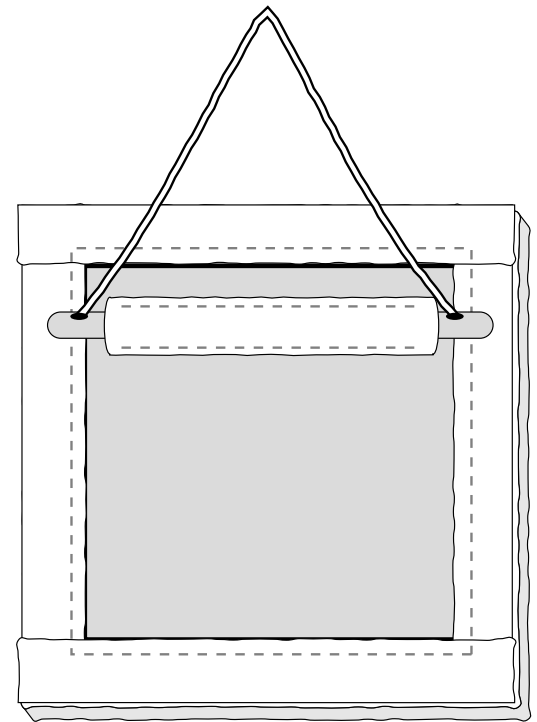
#### To make the hanging sleeve:

17. Cut a rectangle of fabric 4 in.  $\times$  12 in. (10 cm  $\times$  30.5 cm).
18. Fold the short ends  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (1.3 cm) on the fabric wrong side and press. Pin and stitch in place.
19. Fold the long edges  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (1.3 cm) on the fabric wrong side and press. Wrong sides together, fold the rectangle in half, matching long edges. Pin and machine stitch in place along the top edge.
20. On the back side of the wall hanging, position the hanging sleeve 1 in. (2.5 cm) below the top edge and centered; pin in place. Use sewing thread to match the sleeve and hand stitch the hanging sleeve at the top and bottom edges. **See Fig. 25-6.**



**Fig. 25-6**

21. Slip the dowel through the hanging sleeve. Tie a ribbon at each end of the dowel to be used to hang up the completed wall hanging. **See Fig. 25-7.**



**Fig. 25-7**

# Activity 26

## Votive Candleholders

Here's an idea for recycling tin cans. With a little creativity, you can turn tin cans into pretty candleholders, perfect for an entryway table or for a personalized gift.

### Supplies

- glue
- paper plates
- small tin can, such as an 8-oz. (250-mL) tomato sauce can
- small, flat paintbrush
- glitter
- sequins or flat beads
- votive candle

### Directions:

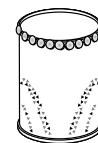
1. Pour a small amount of glue onto a paper plate.
2. Hold the can with one hand. Dip the paintbrush in the glue and coat the outside of the can. **See Fig. 26-1.**
3. Hold the glue-covered can over another paper plate, and sprinkle glitter over it. Make sure no glue is showing through. Set aside to dry. **See Fig. 26-2.**
4. Glue sequins or flat beads around the upper edge, if desired. **See Fig. 26-3.**
5. Place a votive candle inside. *Note:* Never leave a candle unattended while it is burning. **See Fig. 26-4.**



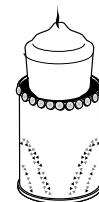
**Fig. 26-1**



**Fig. 26-2**



**Fig. 26-3**



**Fig. 26-4**