

hanky panky

flirtation with the past

Vintage decorative hankies (or handkerchiefs, as they are formally called) are a surprising source of fabric for romantically-styled quilts. The small squares of cotton are screen-printed with delicate florals and dainty patterns in soft colors, each unique design an appealing part of this quick and easy quilt made in wall-hanging size. Each hankie is cut into fours, backed, and bordered, or “sashed,” to make up each quilt block. Whether you use treasured family heirlooms, fabulous flea market finds, or new reproductions, “Hanky Panky” can be easily made in a weekend.

Note: To avoid fading, never display quilts in direct sunlight.

skill level

Easy



wallhanging

55" x 55" (1.40m x 1.40m)

block size

11½" (29.21cm)

yardages

- 1¼ yds. (1.60m) solid white fabric
- 1⅞ yds. (1.03m) green print
- ⅜ yd. (0.34m) pink print
- 3½ yds. (3.20m) backing fabric, as desired
- 60" x 60" batting (1.52m x 1.52m)
- ⅜ yd. (0.34m) binding fabric, as desired

other materials

- 16 screen-printed hankies, 11.5"–12" (29.21cm–30.48cm) square, laundered, and ironed

Quilt made by Velda
Grubbs, machine-quilted
by Sherry
Massey

