TREE OF TEMPTATION

I know you remember the "forbidden fruit tree" in the Garden of Eden. This is a block designed to represent that tree. The original block was designed and pieced 50 years ago, and is made up of small, brightly colored pieces which represent the tempting fruit. Of course, the pieces are straight and regular in formation. When I look at this pattern, I have visions of one made up in browns and yellows to fit into the color scheme of my room, and I envy you women with the leisure to make your dreams come true.

Cut as many pieces of each size and color as indicated on the following actual-size piece patterns. Join them together as the little black and white diagram suggests. All piece patterns allow 3/16ths inch for seams. I think it would be very pretty to join the pieced blocks with large, plain blocks and use a pretty quilting design for there is nothing more lovely than a beautifully quilted quilt.

GENERAL QUILTING INSTRUCTIONS

The number of blocks needed for a quilt varies with the size of the quilt one wishes to make and with the size of the pieced blocks, but it is easy to estimate how many will be required after a few of them have been made, by placing them on the bed. The "Tree of Temptation" makes a block 16 inches square. Use white cutting flannel or a one-pound cotton bat for interlining. Lawns or batiste makes a good lining, or some soft material which is easily quilted thru. A narrow binding of the predominant color used in the design gives the quilt a pretty finish. Cut a strip an inch or an inch and one-half wide and sew it around the edge like a piping.

SPECIAL QUILTING DIRECTIONS

As this block is just a little more difficult than the ordinary blocks on which to get started, I am going to tell you just how to piece one of the tiny blocks. I have lettered the small patterns just for this purpose. Suppose you make a trial block -- that is, one of the small sections. I think that would be wise before cutting into your good material. For one little block, cut the following: 1 of A, 2 of B, 1 of C, 2 of D, 2 of E, 2 of F. Which makes 10 pieces in all. A and D are the three colored petals of the design and C is the stem. The others are background. They are sewed together according to the alphabetical letters. That is -- take A, sew a B on either side of it. At the lower point of A, sew C and on either side between C and A sew a D. Below the D's and on either side of U sew an E. Then sew on F at opposite corners to form a perfect square.

A WORD OF ADVICE

It is a good plan to preserve this quilting design, for it shows how the pieces are joined together. Trace the piece patterns on firm, thin cardboard, then cut them out. They are easier to use than paper patterns, and have your original pattern at hand.
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Cut 2 pieces

Cut 6 pieces

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Tree Trunk

Cut 1 piece

Cut 25 pieces

Cut 50 pieces

Cut 50 pieces

Cut 50 pieces

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Cut 2 pieces

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