

PEACOCK FEATHER

I have been feeling so bad that I will not be able to attend the first ever India Quilt Festival! So when Tina asked me if I would like to design something for the festival, I said yes immediately. A peacock feather, easy enough for even a beginner quilter to put together with fabric scraps?

I designed the feather on the Bamboo Paper App on my iPad—that was in September, just before I left to visit my son.

I decided last week, finally, to start working on the feather, but...I have no quilting supplies here! Thankfully, I did carry with me the fabric that I would be using for the feather. And, I have converted the sketch to a PDF file. So let us see how we can convert this to a quilted object.

Would you like to quilt along with me? Then, first, let us get everything we need together. I presume you have Acrobat Reader (downloadable free online) on your computer, access to a colour printer to print out the pattern, and of course, a sewing machine with a walking foot or a free-motion quilting foot. (If not, you would need a willingness to hand quilt!)

Today, we get our fabric together and print out the pattern.

Materials Needed:

For Background

Black (or any other dark coloured) fabric: 8" x 10" piece

For Feather

Blue-green fabric for the main body of the feather: 6" x 8" piece

Light green fabric: 4" square

Gold/ Mustard yellow fabric: 3" square

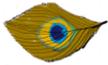
Sky blue fabric: 2" square

Dark blue fabric: 1.5" scrap

For Backing

Light blue/ light green (I have used white)

Batting: 8" x 10" piece. You could possibly use any thick fabric or a piece of flannel instead. That should help in making the feather stiff. I do not have any of these, so my feather will be not be a true sandwich.



Machine Sewing Thread: Black/ blue/ green/ mustard to contrast with your background fabric. I am using a royal blue thread because...you guessed right...that is the only thread I have here!

Stabilizer—any light fusible of your choice, if you have it at hand. I don't have any, so...



Here is a picture of my fabrics! Aren't they delicious?

The feather fabric is hand-dyed by and a gift from Sobana Sundar, our very own Desi Quilter. The green, yellow and dark blue are Fossil Fern by Benartex, a gift from another DQ, Chumkie Mukherjea!

The other thing I am going to do today, is print out the pattern.

Important: The pattern will print **in landscape mode**, so make the necessary adjustments to your printer settings. Use **A4 size paper** and print **true to size** or at **100 percent**. Do not adjust image to paper size

I have my pattern printed. You can see that the pattern is in two pages and that the outline is a mirror image of the coloured feather.

Now that this is done, I am going to take a well-deserved break and will be back in a couple of days to work on it!

Meanwhile, why don't you share on the IQF Facebook page what fabrics you have chosen for your feather?

