

# *Lillyella* STITCHERY

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This tutorial features my Forest Floor Paper Piecing pattern (available at [pahyip.com/lillyellastitchery](http://pahyip.com/lillyellastitchery)), but you can use your favorite patchwork block or even a single piece of a fun fabric. It sews up quick and the accents make it extra special.

I purchased my grommet kit from Walmart in the craft section, but you can also find them at any craft store or online. If you don't have any scrap leather on hand, try looking at a second hand store for an old bag or jacket which you can cut and repurpose.

Please read through the entire pattern before beginning. Share your photos and find inspiration with [#dresseduphotpad](https://twitter.com/dresseduphotpad).

### *assembly*

Begin by spray or pin basting your front block to the insulated batting. Align one leather square with the top left corner of your block. Top stitch along the two inner edges as shown in Figure A. I recommend checking your tension on scraps before sewing your panel. You can also sew a few basting stitches 1/8" in from the outer edges to help keep in place. Set aside. Next, take your back panel and align your second leather square in the top right corner and stitch in the same manner. You will want to once again test your tension as you're working with a different thickness on this piece since it is just the cotton panel and not layered with the batting.

Sandwich your front panel and batting with your back panel, baste, and quilt as desired.

Next you will mark and cut the hole for your grommet. Take into account the area of the leather that will be covered by the binding and center one half of the grommet within the remaining square space (see Figure B). Trace the inner circle onto the leather. Cut the hole using an X-acto blade by first piercing straight thru just around the outside of the outline you drew. Only pierce through the top leather, front panel and batting at this point. Continue using the knife and a small pair of scissors until you are able to cut all the way through these layers. You can now trace through the hole onto the back panel and cut by piercing with the X-acto blade. You can stretch the materials a bit to fit the grommet through, but if it is very tight, slowly cut small bits away from all the layers until you have a good fit.

### *materials*

- Two 7.5" square blocks, one for the front and one for the back
- 7.5" square of insulated batting, such as Insul-brite or Insul-shine.
- 2.25" x WOF strip for binding
- Two 2" squares of leather or vinyl
- One extra large (7/16") grommet and setting tool
- 15.5" length of trim for hanging

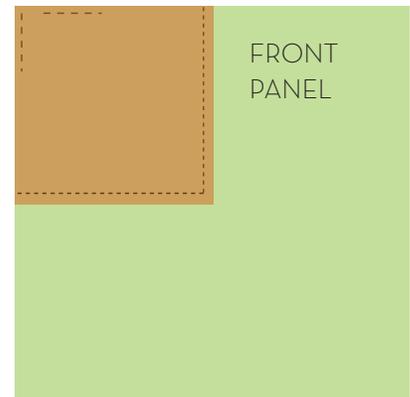


FIGURE A

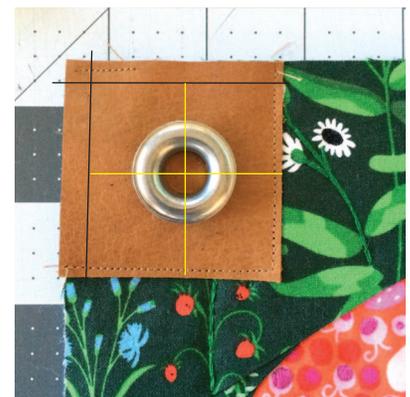


FIGURE B



## *assembly (cont.)*

Install your grommet using the instructions provided with the tool kit. I recommend doing a test run on scraps if you have not set a grommet before.

You are now ready to bind your piece. I bound mine as I do with quilts, first sewing the binding down to the top of the piece and then wrapping around and hand stitching down on the back.

I wanted a thinner binding so I used a 2.25" strip, but you can cut a 2.5" strip if you like a thicker binding. If you plan to finish your binding with a machine stitch, you may want to use a thicker binding so you have enough room to catch it on both sides.

Be sure to check your tension when sewing through the leather areas.

The last step is to thread your trim through the grommet and secure with a knot. Depending on your material, you may need to fold the ends of your trim in twice and top stitch to prevent fraying.

I hope you enjoy this tutorial! Feel free to contact me through my website, [lillyella.com](http://lillyella.com), with any questions.



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*Block pattern: Forest Floor Paper Piecing Pattern*



*Featured fabrics: The Lovely Hunt by Lizzy House, Aviary by Joel Dewberry*

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