



The Dear Jane collection, c. 1863 by Brenda Papadakis

Rich in history, the quilt upon which the Dear Jane audience is inspired by was actually made by Jane A. Stickle during the Civil War. She signed her quilt “In War Time 1863”. The masterpiece consists of 169 blocks measuring 4-1/2” square, surrounded by 52 8”x5” triangles and four corner triangles.

But it is more than the variety of the pieced and appliquéd blocks that evoke such strong emotion among “Janias”. The quilt has its own unique “aura” that transcends generations, reaching quilters of varied levels of skill, age and style. The quilters profess a heartfelt, soul-searching experience as they work to create their own unique interpretation of the blocks – a connection to their “sister” Jane.

Mention Dear Jane® and Brenda Papadakis is the first name that comes to mind, so it was only logical for Windham Fabrics, the leading name for reproduction fabrics, to work with Brenda to design the beautiful, new Dear Jane® collection. Now DJers can create their “Baby Janes” with fabrics authentically reproduced from their vintage counterparts and die-hard reproduction enthusiasts can take advantage of these beautiful patterns and colors that are the essence of Jane Stickle.

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For the Love of Jane
by Jill Reid



Created with fabrics from the
Dear Jane collection by Brenda Papadakis



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Quilt Size: 52" x 52"

Fabric Requirements: All fabrics are from the Dear Jane collection by Brenda Papadakis from Windham Fabrics.

You will need:

1 yd. #28387-X

1 yd. #28381-3

Fat Quarters of assorted Dear Jane fabrics

3-1/2 yds. #28384-6 for backing

1/2 yd. #28379-2

Diamond in the Square blocks: Make 36 blocks, 6" finished.

From #28387-X, cut out 36 blocks, 4-3/4" square.

For each block, cut (2) 4" squares from assorted fabrics and cut in half diagonally.

Sew two triangles to opposite sides of each square, press open, add two triangles to remaining two sides and press open.

Sew six blocks into a row, for a total of six rows.

Triangle Border:

8" x 6" at triangle base, finished. Using template provided, cut 28 triangles from assorted Dear Jane fabrics and 24 triangles from #28381-3.

Using corner template provided, cut four corner blocks from #28381-3.

Assemble border rows per photo alternating #28381-3 triangles with assorted colors. Each side will consist of six #28381-3 triangles and seven assorted triangles. Add corner blocks to the ends of two of the borders.

Layer, quilt and bind your finished project.



Border Triangle Template
shown at 50%



Corner Block Template
shown at 50%