

Cupboard to Creativity

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Use Bargello in a Border

Hi Everyone,

This month as I was looking in my box of projects to finish, realised I had a lot of almost finished things—maybe just 1 narrow border was needed like my desden plate challenge from May 2024, or the blocks were already designed and the project only partly made, and several others in various stages of construction which meant none of those were going to make it into the challenge as I would not “add something new” for me in what was needed to complete them—I realise I simply have to put aside some days to get those jobs done!

What I did find was a piece I had worked on using blocks I had been given quite a while ago. The stained glass style blocks I had re-made by removing the partly completed bias and replacing it with a wider version so that all the fabrics were correctly anchored. From there I had created the block of 9 patches that I found in the box.



Then I recall seeing some time ago a design that used Bargello as a border, which was quite interesting. This is something I have not done, although I have made many bargello quilts, so I feel this month I can combine these two ideas to create a practical item from the block, “Add something new” by in some way using the bargello technique in a border.

Here I have taken sections from photos of Bargello quilts, as an idea of how this technique can be used in border panels.

Another way would be having the block in the centre of a bargello

See what you can come up with & I'll shar next month what I was able to come up with.



Have fun quilting.

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