

## Banjara Inspirations with Linda Kemshall

This isn't meant to be a step by step instruction as I'm sure you'll want to put your own stamp on your Banjara inspired quilt, however I thought a few bullet points might be helpful.

1. Choose soft woven fabrics such as cotton or linen and construct a simple patchwork block.
2. Back with a layer of similar fabric or a lightweight cotton and baste.
3. Measure the centre into quarters and mark with a chalk pencil.
4. Use a thick thread to make evenly spaced rows of running stitch in each quadrant. Stagger the stitches as in a brick wall.
5. Use more rows of staggered running stitches to completely fill the border strips, working parallel to the edges of the block.
6. Referring to the illustrations of the traditional patterns work into each quadrant and border section using thread colours of your choice. Use single or double thread dependent on the thickness of the thread. These decorative patterns are worked through the grid of running stitches not through the layers of fabrics.
7. Trim edges and attach a binding. Work a row of topstitch through all layers of the binding if wished.
8. Add cowrie shells at corners and centre.

All done!!

