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B A K E S H O P

Original Recipe



Baby Playpad by Lissa Alexander

Ingredients:

1 Moda Layer Cake of your choice. Wonderland by MoMo featured here.

1 3/4 yd. Backing

Full -Size Poly Batting (I tripled the batting so it would be lofty but soft)

Garnishes (optional):

Cordonnet thread or embroidery floss to tie the quilt.

Original Recipe can be found at www.modabakeshop.com

Instructions:



To make this play pad you will need approx. 20 layer cakes. (10" x 10" squares) Choose your favorites and sew them into sets. You will need 8 sets of 2 and 8 sets of 3. Lay the sets onto your cutting mat and cut into 2 - 5" sections as shown here. Join the sets of two and sets of 3 together.



Set 4 sections of aside. Sew the remaining 4 sections into a ring end to end as shown below. Choose a fabric anywhere on the ring and cut it in half. This is what will give you a staggered strip. If there is a fabric that is not your favorite, choose that one to cut in half so it appears in smaller pieces in your quilt.



Sew the 8 rows into sets in a pleasing order. Press the seams all in one direction. Join all the rows together. Press and square up any extra along the bottom.



Make a quilt sandwich by laying the batting (I used multiple layers of poly-fill batting), backing and quilt top. Make sure quilt top and backing are right sides together. Pin all the sections together. Sew around all four sides of the quilt top leaving approx a 12" opening to turn the quilt right side out. Trim the excess batting and backing away. If you will hold your scissors at a 45 degree angle while trimming the excess it will help "plane" the bulk of the batting and make it lay flat.



TIP from Carolyn St. Clair: To get a nice sharp corners, sew the corners like the picture shown below. Trim.



Once you have the quilt turned right side out, sew the opening closed. I originally was just going to tie this quilt but I started sewing a running stitch along the edges and I really liked how it turned out. So I added more running stitches throughout. I use a thread called Cordonnet by [Mettler](#). I love this thread because it is on a spool but has the weight and feel of embroidery floss. 2 strands of embroidery floss is about the same weight as 1 single thread right off the spool. No separating floss. Did I say it comes on a spool? This thread can also be used on your sewing machine with a top stitching needle. It comes in several colors. I think [Aurifil](#) makes something similar so I am going to check it out also.



Yield:



A fun, soft, easy baby project measuring 36" x 47.5". This is a great quilt to throw down for a baby to play on.

1 moda layer cake will yield 2 of these. I am thinking about possibly even sewing a piece of ribbon or twill on it to be able to roll it up and tie it.

OPTIONS: The same quilt can be made larger. Just determine how long you want it and sew that many layer cake squares together to get your length. To make a large one, 76" long, sew 4 layer cakes together and then cut them in half, join 2 sets of 4 together to determine your length. 4 layer cakes is ideal to sew together before you sub cut. 4 will fit folded over into 2 and fit on your cutting mat using a 24" ruler. Do not press until after you have sewn into rows. Great for college dorms, hunting lodges, etc. Showcases large prints nicely.

Enjoy and have fun creating,

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