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Blueberry Chocolate Squares by KarrieLynne

Hello again, my friends!

I am so happy to be back at Moda Bake Shop and presenting you with Blueberry Chocolate Squares! Mmmm...everyone loves chocolate, right? :)

This quilt is really simple and it goes together so fast. I actually pieced AND quilted it in 3 days!!(Results may vary. I've always wanted to say that...lol)

Once you're finished here, I'd love for you to come visit me over at Freckled Whimsy {<http://www.freckledwhimsy.com>}! More dorkiness guaranteed. :D

Enjoy...Blueberry Chocolate Squares....

Ingredients:



- 1 Pure Layer cake
- 1/2 yard for 1" border (I used 5431-12)
- 1 1/4 yards for 4" border (I used 5438-18)
- 1/2 yard for binding (I used 5436 16)
- 4 yards for backing (I used 5430-21)

Note: All seams are sewn with a 1/4" seam allowance.

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Instructions:

From your layer cake, choose 36 squares. The more contrasting they are, the better.

For each of the 36 pieces, follow these cutting steps.



1. Cut a 5 7/8" strip from layer cake piece



2. Turn that SAME piece 90 degrees and cut it at 5 7/8". You should now have a 5 7/8" square.

3. As you cut each piece, put them in 3 separate piles. You may want to keep lights and darks separate.



You should have 36 each of:

- 5 7/8" squares
- 4 1/8" x 5 7/8" rectangles
- 4 1/8" x 10" rectangles

Note: You *can* cut all pieces of the layer cake this way. (Most will have 40-42 pieces). Doing this will give you some of each fabric and more variety. You will just have extra pieces when you are done. :)

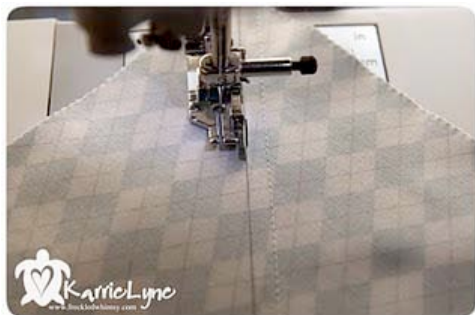
Once you have all of these cut, you can start piecing your quarter blocks.



Begin by taking the 5 7/8" squares and pairing them up. Choose contrasting colors. You need 18 pairs. (Remember if you cut all your layer cake pieces, you may have extras here. Just put those in your scrap bin.)



Taking your first pair, on one side of one of the squares, draw a line from corner to corner on the WRONG side.



Place this piece RIGHT sides together with the contrasting square and sew 1/4" on either side of that drawn line.



Now, cut on that drawn line, yielding two half square triangles (HST). Press to the darker fabric.



You should now have 36 half square triangles.

Each HST will be paired up with the other rectangles you cut from the layer cake. One in each size in the SAME print.



Choose a HST and the border print. Contrast is good here too.

Take the smaller rectangle and sew it to the top of the HST. Make sure the edges are lined up on the LEFT side. Sew across the top edge. You will have some overhang on the right. This is ok. Just leave it for now. :)

Press toward the piece you just sewed on.

Make sure you mix up the positioning of your HST. Example: In the photo below, the light color fabric is in the upper right corner. Change this up using some lights, some mediums, and some darks, in each of your blocks.

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Next you will sew on the larger rectangle. Line up the LEFT and BOTTOM edges. Again, you will have hangover, this time at the top.

Press to the rectangle.



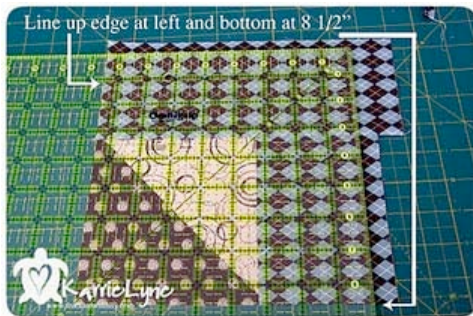
This is what your block should look like.



Next up is trimming.

First, trim the overhang on the right side, lining up your ruler with the edge of the HST. Cut.

Rotate the block 90 degrees CLOCKWISE. (See photos)



Line up the LEFT and BOTTOM edge of the block with the 8 1/2" marks on your ruler.

Trim the right side and top.



Your quarter block should now measure 8 1/2" square.

Repeat until you have 36 of these quarter blocks.

Note: To make this go faster, stack up your HST and chosen rectangles, one on top of each other, still in 3 piles, until you have all 36 stacked. Then you can chain piece, starting by sewing on all the smaller rectangles to the HST, press, then adding the larger rectangles, press.

Time to arrange your blocks.



Choose 4 of your quarter blocks. Arrange them so the HST are in the center.



Sew the top two blocks together, pressing to one side. Sew the bottom two blocks together, pressing to the opposite side as the top.



Sew the top and bottom together.

Repeat this process until you have 9 blocks that measure 16 1/2" (unfinished).



Arrange in a pleasing order and sew the blocks as a 3 x 3 grid.

From the first border fabric cut 1 1/2" strips and sew in place.

From the second border fabric, cut 4 1/2" strips and sew in place.

Now you are ready to sandwich your quilt, baste, quilt, and bind. :)

Yield:

This quilt will measure about 58" x 58". Isn't it cute? :D

I hope you have enjoyed this tutorial! If you make this quilt, please oh please share it with me? You can email a photo of it to me {karrielyne@gmail.com} or you can add it to my Flickr Group {<http://www.flickr.com/groups/freckledwhimsy>}. I would love to feature them on my blog! :)

Much Love and Happy Quilting!!

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