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Lucy's Beach {Poetry} Quilt

"school is out, let's give a cheer"

Hello again, this is Kimberly from My Brown Bag Studio and am I ever happy that it's finally summer where I live! Come on by for a visit... put your feet up by the pool and stay awhile!

"for summer holidays are here"

I'm really excited to be able to share two of my favorite things with you today...

"it's time for flip flops on our toes"

...poetry and quilting!

"and purple sunscreen on our nose"

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Oh, and it's also a project that's just perfect for a summer's day spent at the beach... so gather your supplies and let's get started!



Ingredients:



- 1 Lucy's Crab Shack layer cake
- 1 Bella Solids layer cake in Snow
- 3 1/2 yards Lucy's Crab Shack Cream Trunks and Tops for backing
- 3/4 yard Lucy's Crab Shack Deep Sea Flip Flop for binding
- DMC thread for stitching poem in...
 - #3766 (light teal)
 - # 3750 (dark blue)
 - # 721 (orange)
 - #907 (green)
 - # 335 (pink)
- 63 inches square of batting (I used Warm and Natural)
- Basic quilting supplies

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Instructions:

1. Choose 18 prints from your Lucy's layer cake and set aside. These will be the whole color blocks in your quilt.
2. From the remaining layer cake pieces, cut 96 - 2 1/2 inch squares for your nine-patch blocks.



For the middle of my nine-patch blocks, I placed a square of the cream-on-cream number print.



3. Decide how your scrappy nine-patch blocks will look, and sew 12 blocks.



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4. Take 12 of your solid layer cake squares and cut each into four 2 1/2 inch strips. Sew strips to top and bottom of each nine-patch block, then trim off the extra. {Trim these pieces to 2 1/2 inch squares to save for another project... I don't know about you, but I can never have enough 2 1/2 inch squares!} Then trim 1/4 inch off either side of your block borders. Sew strips to the other two sides and trim 1/4 inch again. Blocks should now measure 10 inches square.



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5. Arrange your 18 colored layer cake squares as you like them...



...then fill in the gaps with your nine-patch blocks, and 6 of the solid layer cake squares like so... Placement of the solid cream blocks matters, as you will be stitching the poem in them, so be sure to follow my layout!

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{And no, your eyes aren't playing tricks... the first picture is the fabric laid out on my friend's floor and the second is on mine... I love hardwood... any color!}

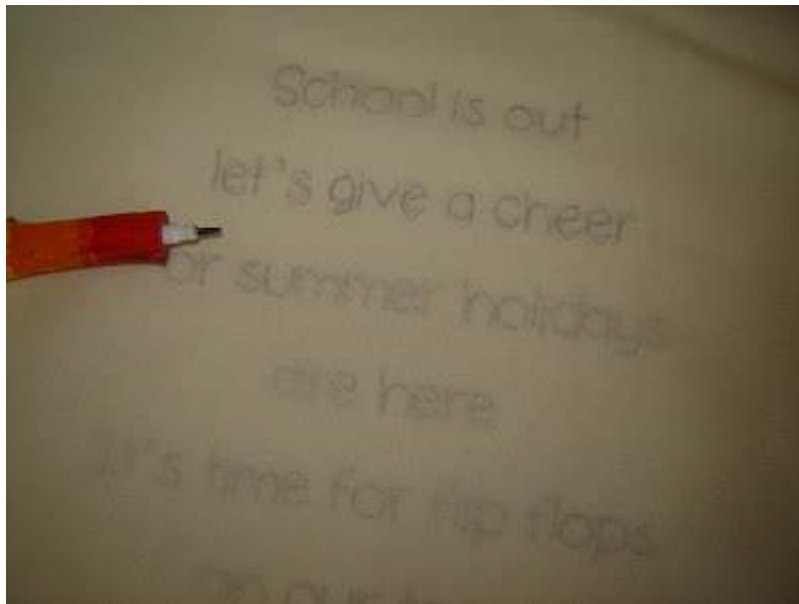
6. Sew it all together... row by row... to make your quilt top.

7. Click [HERE](#) to print out the poem and then find the center of each verse, so you can center it in your block.



8. Transfer to your quilt top (yes, I'm a pencil transfer-er) Use whichever method works best for you. Center one verse into each of the 6 neutral blocks.

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9. When I make a stitchery project, I always stitch through to the batting layer. That's just how I roll, you can stitch just through the quilt top if you prefer. Lay out your batting, smooth your quilt top on top... you want it a couple of inches larger than the quilt top all the way around...

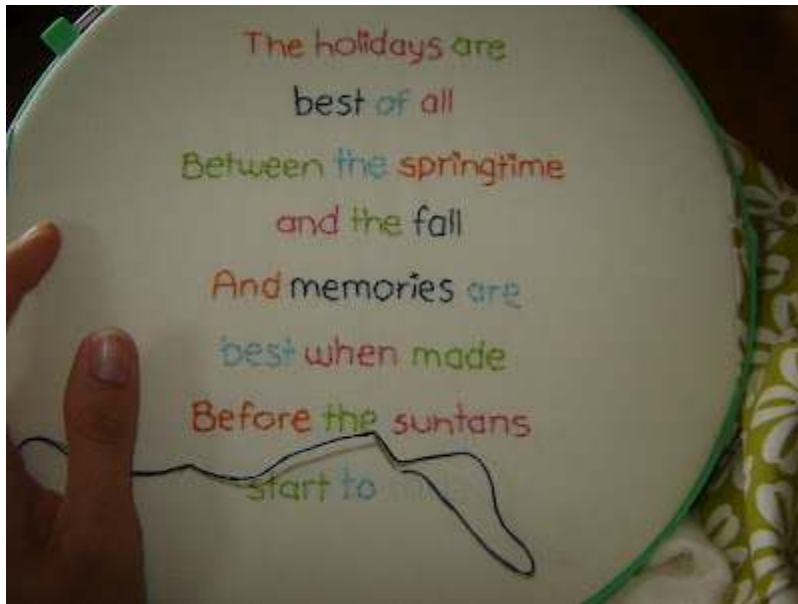
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...hoop a section, and back stitch your lettering. I stitched my quilt with 3 strands of DMC and tried to be random with the colors of the words, just for fun.



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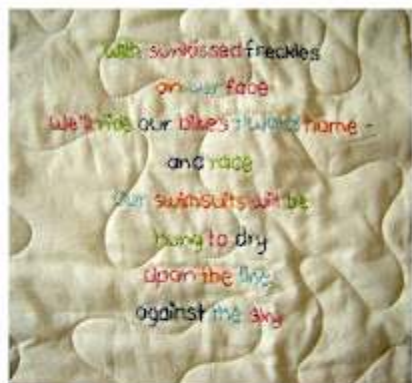
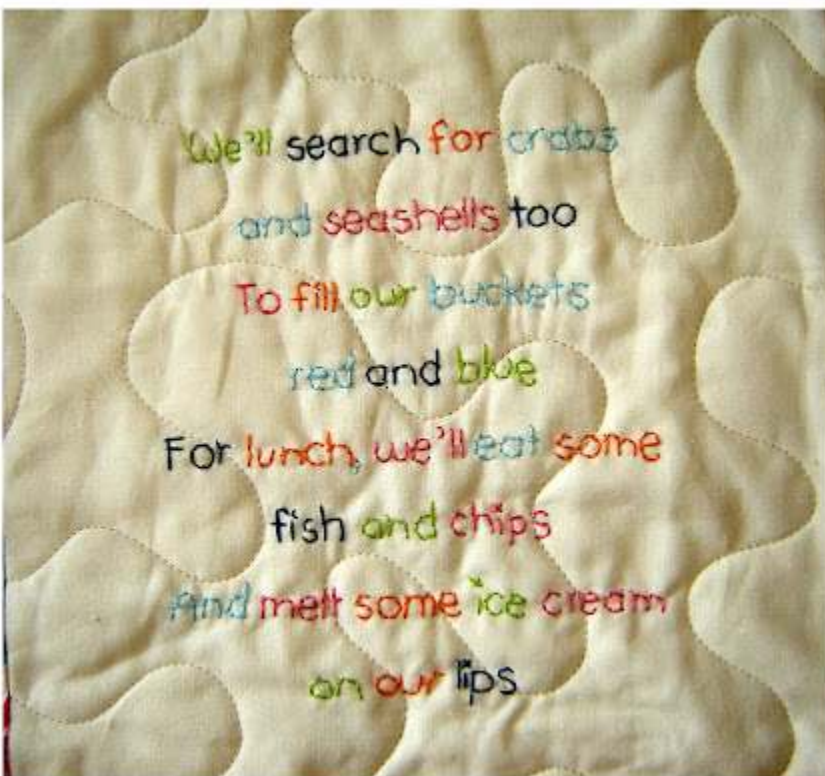
These are the 6 verses of the poem, after quilting...



verses 1, 2, and 3...



...and verses 4, 5, and 6...



10. Quilt as desired! I had my Lucy's Beach {Poetry} Quilt professionally quilted by my friend Rhonda of Quilted Cats Hideaway... thanks a bunch, Rhonda! I love it!

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11. Bind with 2 1/2" strips of the navy dot fabric... and you're ready for a day at Lucy's {or your very own} Beach!



Yield:

Lucy's Beach {Poetry} Quilt measures approximately 57" square.



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