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Sassy Steps Throw Quilt by Molly Culley

Hi there! I'm Molly Culley, and I'm thrilled to be sharing my first Moda Bake Shop project with you. This is a really quick and easy quilt to piece that has quite a striking visual impact! I blog at <http://www.mollyscottage.blogspot.com>. Come pay me a visit when you get a chance!

Ingredients:



- 4 Print Charm Packs (I used "Spirit" by Lila Tueller)
- 2 White Bella Solid Charm Packs
- 4 yards Backing (I used SKU 11430-11)
- 3/4 yard Binding (I used SKU 11435-15)

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Instructions:



1. Choose two print charms; cut in half. Separate into pairs, and then sew each pair together in the middle, using a 1/4" seam.



2. Choose a coordinating print charm and a solid charm.



3. We'll be making half-square triangles with the print and solid. Draw a line from one corner to the other of the solid charm, with the print underneath. Draw a line 1/4 inch on either side of the center line. These will be your sewing lines.



4. Sew on your sewing lines. I like to prepare several charms for sewing, so I can chain piece.



5. Align your ruler on the middle diagonal line of your square, and cut. Open up each piece and press to the darker fabric.



6. The segments of the block so far:



7. Layout your block: Place the half-square triangle pieces across from each other in the block, with the "tips" of the print triangles touching in the center. Place your dual-color pieces across from one another in the empty spaces, making sure the alignment is the same on each side (like prints are in the middle together, aligned either horizontally or vertically).



8. Sewing the block together: Making sure that you are working from the middle of the block outward, sew the top two pieces, then the bottom two pieces together. Press toward the dual colored section of the block as this will allow for nesting of seams. Align the two halves of the block together in the middle, matching seams, and sew together. Press. You will need to make 24 blocks with the dual colored segments of the block in a horizontal orientation, and 25 blocks in a vertical orientation. The half-square triangle segments stay constant in their alignment throughout all the blocks. It will help in your layout process if you keep the two block "types" separated.

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9. Trimming your blocks: Trim each block to 9" square.



10. Laying out your blocks: I started my layout with a vertically aligned block, then alternated each block in the row (vertical, horizontal, vertical...). Remember the half-square triangles determine the layout...make sure they are all aligned the right way! Lay out all the blocks into a pleasing arrangement of 7 blocks down by 7 blocks across. Step back and admire (and make sure you have a nice balance of colors, of course!)

11. Assemble your quilt top: Begin sewing the blocks in a row together. Once each row is sewn, begin sewing the rows together; matching seams together so all your blocks meet perfectly! Press well.

12. Backing: Press your backing fabric very well. When a project has a pieced backing, I lay my fabric out, then lay my quilt top on top of it. I don't like my seam to be right in the middle, so I offset the cut a bit, then sew the two pieces together.

13. Binding: I used 6-2.5" strips for my binding. Feel free to cut a narrower binding if you like.

14. Layer your backing, batting and top, then baste. Quilt and bind as desired. I quilted mine with an all-over meander. Wash, dry, and pull a cozy, crinkly thing of beauty out of your dryer!!!



Yield:

One super-cozy throw that is just the right size (57" x 57") for snuggling with! Enjoy!!! I'd love to see your finished creations; please email them to me! Thanks to Moda for a wonderful, creative place to share!

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